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February 20 7.

Mrs. Helen Sinclair Robinson,

Thawell, K

My dear Friend:

Yours of January 27th enclosing check for one hundred dollars for a Christian College in Utah, is received with many thanks. I hope before another year rolls around to be able to write you that the College has actually made a beginning at Salt Lake, and is beginning under favorable circumstances. Much thought and prayer are being given to the enterprise,---a need for it seems to be more pressing every day.

The Presbytery of Utah have arranged to start a small paper to try and arouse the attention of the Christian world to the true condition of things in that region: I will see that a copy is sent you whenever they make a beginning.

I also received the fifty dollars sent by your Nephew, Francis Gay, which I will duly acknowledge.

Please remember me kindly to your Niece, Miss Gay. I remember with much pleasure the delightful trip we had from Sitka down Puget Sound together.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

February 20 7.

Mrs. A. W. Doty,

1924 Thirteenth Street, N.W.;

Washington, D. C.

My dear Friend:

Yours with receipt from the Washington Loan and Trust Company, also bill, is received and will be attended to when due, March 1st.

I am laid up in the house with the "grippe."

Very truly yours,

Otelia Jackson
K.

February 20 7.

Mrs. Elliott Shepard,
No. 2 West 52nd Street,
New York City.

My dear Friend:

Yours of the 10th instant came at the time I was coming down with the "grippe." I have now been confined to the house and most of the time to the bed for two weeks, but hope to get out again in the course of the next ten days.

Dr. Marsh expects to leave New York city about the first of April, so that any time convenient to yourself during March he and his wife will be very glad to call upon you. You may address him Dr. H. Richmond Marsh, No. 51 (South) Washington Square, New York City, where he is residing for the present.

Hoping that you and yours continue well, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

February 20 7.

Messrs. Dodd, Mead & Co.,

149 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Your statement of February 1st, with check for the $6.30 is received with thanks.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

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February 20 7.

Hon. James H. Kyle,

U. S. Senate,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Permit me from a sick bed to send you my congratulations on your re-election. If I were not shut up with the grippe I would have called upon you in person.

It is always a source of great satisfaction to me when conscientious, Christian men are elected to our national legislature. If there is any place in this country where broad views founded on Christian principle are more needed than in Congress, I do not know where it is.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs. Kyle.

Respectfully yours,

C. Wilder Jackson

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February 20 7.

Mr. Francis Gay,

Honolulu, Hawaii Islands.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my warmest thans for the postoffice order for $50 recently received from yourself. I very heartily thank you for the assistance you are rendering us in trying to establish an institution of higher learning in Utah on a Christian basis. The Mormon church having such an overwhelming majority of the people in Utah control not only the schools and colleges established by their own church, but also the colleges and schools carried on by the state, and because carried on by the state supposed to be non-sectarian in their instruction by the state supposed to be non-sectarian in their instructions, but with the public schools and state university supported by taxation passing into the hands largely of Mormon teachers, and the state agricultural college supported by an annual appropriation of the Congress also passing largely into their hands, they have necessitated the establishment of an institution of higher learning which will be outside of the influence of the Mormon church. The money that you sent us

[illegible] towards the support of the President of the College,
Honorable John Eaton.

Hoping you may be so prosperous in your worldly affairs
that you can continue from year to year to help us, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

(Confidential) February 23 7.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Friend:

While your society are looking for the filling of the government offices in Alaska, permit me to call your attention to the U. S. Commissionership at Sitka. The present incumbent is a Mr. Rogers. He was appointed by Mr. Harrison as a republican and reappointed by Mr. Cleveland as a democrat. He is a man so deaf as to be incapacitated for the duties of the office. In addition to that it is reported that he is a hard drinker, gambles, and at times immoral. His misadministration of the office has been notorious. White men among his friends get off without any fine; the poor natives are fined to the fullest extent of the law. If there had been any white men in that region that cared to they could have had him impeached years ago,—his administration has simply been a disgrace. His time is out and arrangements should be made to put a Christian man in his place. I do not know of any one up there who is suitable. This letter is simply for your own personal guidance and not to go on file or be copied and sent with any official documents.

Very truly yours,

February 23 7.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Friend:

Yours through Mrs. Pearson of February 20th is received. In reply to your request for an opinion as to the candidacy of Judge Truitt for reappointment as Judge of the U. S. District Court of Alaska, permit me to say that I most heartily approve of the same. Judge Truitt was the first and only Judge, with the exception of the present incumbent, who seemed to try to administer his high office in the interest of law and order of civilization, education and morals. He had so many difficulties to contend with that he did not accomplish all that he set out to do, and the better part of the community sometimes thought that he was a little too lenient but with a Governor such as Mr. Brady, and with the improved public sentiment that has sprung up in Alaska I have no doubt that he would accomplish far more. In his private life he is everything that can be desired and if you can secure Mr. Brady for Governor, Judge Truitt for Judge, Mr. Heid for District Attorney, and Mr. Kelly for Marshal, you will secure the strongest and best combina-

tion of government officials that Alaska has ever had. The very thought of having such a band of men seems too good to hope for its realization, and yet that is just what all the missionary societies engaged in Alaska work should combine to secure. They are freely spending money and labor in the effort to confer a Christion civilization upon the native population of that country and also to save the white population from relapsing into barbarism. Much of the Christion effort in the past has been neutralized by the opposition and character of the government officials. If it is the duty of the missionary societies to send these religious agencies into that country it is equally their duty to give their attention to securing public officers that will gladly go abroad with the missionaries and teachers in their efforts to promote the highest interests of American citizenship in that land, and I have felt that in the past the missionary societies have come short of their duty to Alaska by not taking a more active interest in securing the right kind of appointments from the President. I think that Mr. McKinley will recognize the voice of the Christian sentiment of the country if it is presented to him aright, and I am looking forward with much hope to the immediate future. The American Missionary Association, the Baptists and Methodists, will I have no doubt unite with the Presbyterians in such a movement. Mr. Brady already has the endorsement of the Bishop of the P. E. Church in Sitka. I do not know whether their Missionary society in New York City would take

any active part in the matter or not, still they have as much at stake as the other societies. I wish Col. McCook of New York could be made Secretary of the Interior, as that would be a wonderful help in this direction of securing good officers. If he goes into the Secretaryship of the Interior he would have the nomination of the governer; if he goes into the Attorney-General's office he will have the nomination of the judge, marshal, and of the district attorney. In either place he will be of much help to you.

Very respectfully yours,

February 23 7.

Rev. Warren H. Landen, D.D.,

San Anselmo, California.

Dear Sir:

Much obliged for your letter of January 30th which came during my absence from the office on account of "grippe." I feel with yourself that Mr. Shirer should not cut short his seminary preparation, and if I am able to find a place for him in Alaska will not do it until he has completed his course.

Very respectfully,

February 26 07.

Rev. L. F. Jones,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Brother:

Yours of February 4th in behalf of Mr. Reid for U.S. District Attorney is received. I would be very glad to have him receive the appointment, and understand that the Board of Home Missions will endorse his application favorably.

I am glad to hear, through the Mission of the improvement in your wife's health. With kind regards to your teachers, I remain

Respectfully yours,

February 26 7.

Mrs. C. D. Bailey,

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

My Dear Friend:

Yours of February 13th concerning Wilkesbarre, found me in the sick room. This is my third week in the house with the "grip".

I was very sorry that our arrangements fell through with regard to sending General Eaton to Wilkesbarre. I have this morning written Dr. Hodge that the General could spend Sabbath, March 14th, with the Churches of that city if they wish it. He is to address the annual meeting of the Presbyterial ladies of Cayuga at Auburn, New York, on the 16th and 17th; the Syracuse Presbyterial annual meeting on the 18th, and the Women's Presbyterial meeting of Albany on April 1st.

I am much obliged for the excellent circular which you sent out to the Pennsylvania ladies. The meetings General Eaton and myself have held so far in Pennsylvania have lacked in one respect in that [illegible] They have not been followed up as [illegible] I think they should have been with solicitation of funds for the Women's Executive Committee work at Salt Lake Collegiate Institute and as Gen. Eaton and myself have been thinking it would be

well if you could arrange with the various Presbyteries to take up Miss Perley and put her to work. She would have time in addition to make addresses to the ladies in any place and spend if necessary two or three days in that community and go around with a committee of ladies getting 50 cents from this lady and a dollar from that, and $5 from the third, and this gleaning would aggregate a very much larger sum than is now being given in addition to giving the information which would bring future contributions to the local societies. Miss Perley would expect nothing but her expenses, and going from place to place that way they would be very small. Then too she could go into the smaller churches as well as larger where they rarely ever have an outside speaker. Will you not see if something cannot be arranged in this line? If you think best you might confer, and with Mrs. Alexander of Chambersburg, and have her arrange to start Miss Perley in Cumberland Valley. She has been pretty thoroughly heard among the churches of Philadelphia a year or two ago and would not need to return to that city; but could give her time to Central and Northern Pennsylvania for this spring.

I greatly enjoyed reading "The Coming King." Also the leaflets you sent me.

With kind regards to your husband I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

February 26 7.

Rev. Nelson Millard, D.D.,

Rochester, New York.

My dear Friend:

The Rev. John Eaton, Ph.D.,LLD., whom you have known so many years as U. S. Commissioner of Education, has consented to address the Woman's Home Missionary meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for the Presbytery of Cayuga at Auburn on the 16th and 17th of March, also the Annual Meeting of the Presbyterial Society at Syracuse on the 18th. While in that neighborhood he can spend the Sabbath, the 21st, in Rochester. Would you not like to have him part of the day in your Church to speak on the present aspect of missions in Utah, which is without doubt the storm center of our home missions; and if so could you not get him a hearing in one or the other of our Churches for the afternoon or evening? Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient, for if not convenient to hear him in Rochester perhaps I can secure him a hearing at some other place in central New York. No expense will be connected with General Eaton's coming except his traveling expenses.

With kind regards to your family, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

February 26 7.

Rev. George Norcross, D.D.,

Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

My dear Brother:

General Eaton is to speak at the Indian School on the 9th and 10th of March. We hope to arrange for him to be at Wilkesbarre on the 14th. Now if you want to get up a meeting for him at Shippensburg and at Carlisle he will have the two evenings, the 11th and 12th, for two meetings in your valley on the subject of Utah. Please see what can be done in the matter and give me early notice

With kind regards to the family, I remain

Very truly yours,

February 26 7

Rev. Francis B. Hodges, D.D.,

Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania.

Dear Brother:

I greatly regret the miscarriage of the arrangements by which the ladies were to have had General Eaton address them on Mormonism at their annual meeting on the 26th. However, he is to address the annual meeting of the ladies of the Presbytery at Cayuga at Auburn New York on the 16th and 17th, the annual meeting of the Syracuse Presbytery on the 18th and to be in Cumberland Valley on March 9th to 12th; passing from Cumberland Valley to central New York he can conveniently spend Sabbath, March 14th, at Wilkesbarre if you would like to make arrangements by which he can address one or two of your churches, say one church in the morning and another in the evening. Be so kind as to take it under consideration and let me know as soon as convenient whether it will be convenient to have him in your city on that day. There is no man that understands the present tendencies and dangers of Mormonism better than he and the churches need enlightenment on that subject.

Very respectfully yours,

February 26 7.

Mrs. George C. Yeisley,

Hudson, New York.

My dear Friend:

The ladies of the Presbytery of Cayuga have arranged to have General Eaton address their annual meeting at Auburn on the 16th and 17th of March; from there he goes to Syracuse for the 18th. I have written to Dr. Nelson at Rochester, New York, to see if Pastors do not wish him in that city on the 21st. However you may know of some other annual Presbyterial meeting that he could address on the 19th or 20th in that region. He has also been invited to meet the ladies of the Albany Presbyterial Society at Westervelt, just across from Troy, on April 1st. Would it not be well for you to write to the officers of the Troy Presbyterial to engage as many of their people as possible to attend the Albany meeting, which I understand is just across the river from their own city.

With Kind regards to your husband I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

February 27 07.

Mrs. F. H. Pearson,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Mrs. Pearson:

I enclose you a letter from a ministerial friend of mine with regard to the work in Alaska. If Mr. McAlee has not definitely secured some one to take Mr. Warne's place during his six months' vacation I think Mr. Beebee would be very glad to fill the vacancy, and it would give him a chance to see how he would like Alaska work and also the Board could give him a trial as to acceptance in the work.

I am slowly recovering my strength and hope to be able to get out next week.

Very respectfully yours,

Enclosure.

February 27 7

Rev. W. C. Beebee,

Waterville, Washington.

My dear Brother:

Yours of January 14th requiring an answer before February 10th, has probably been to Sitka and returned to me at my office in Washington. I wish that we had received it in time, as the Board of Home Missions have given W.W.Warne of Haines, Alaska, a six months' vacation and were looking for somebody to fill his place during his absence. It would have given you a delightful summer in Alaska and enabled you to see how you would like the work. Possibly it is not yet too late, and I will enclose your letter to the Board in New York.

I have another suggestion to make. If the Lord has given you sufficient means to live upon so that you are independent of your salary, why not take a professorship in the new Christian College that the Presbyterians are trying to start at Salt Lake City? It is a delightful locality, a climate of remarkable health-fulness and a mission work that would fill your heart and call out all your powers. I can conceive of no greater gratification con-ceivable this Master hand is going to situated that you can do his

work at your own expense. In starting a new college of course there are no endowments and the institution cannot afford to pay salaries to all the professors it ought to have, and I am going to try to see if there are not consecrated persons sufficient in the United States for several volunteers to fill chairs at their own expense; at least we will give the thing a trial and see how it works.

Let me hear how this impresses your wife and yourself, and if you look at it favorably I could secure you an invitation to go there with the commencement of the institution early next September.

With kind regards to your wife and kind remembrances from Mrs. Jackson, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

February 27 7.

Rev. Francis Stoddard,

Haines, Eastern Pennsylvania.

My dear Brother:

I have now been shut up in the house three weeks with grippe and the present prospect is that I will not be strong enough to come to Easton for the 14th of March. As you have had General Eaton so recently I think that you had better put me off until next November upon my return from Alaska. If it is agreeable to you you can write me at Washington, D.C., next October with regard to some Sabbath convenient to yourself.

I wish that Miss Frances Perley of Washington, long a teacher in Utah, could be invited by the ladies of your Presbyterial Society to go around among your churches and follow up the impression made by General Eaton. She has time to visit all the little churches as well as larger ones, and could take the time to go with a committee of each local society to the various ladies of the congregations soliciting for the Woman's Executive Committee work in connection with the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute, which is the work that the Pennsylvania ladies are specially called upon to do. If convenient turn this letter over to some officer of your Presbyterial Society.

Regretting that I shall not have the pleasure of seeing you soon, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

February 27 7.

Mrs. Anna [illegible]

[illegible] Second Street,

[illegible], Pa., Lyndia.

My dear [illegible]:

Yours of the 24th instant is received and my wife and myself were very pleased to hear from you again. We remember you very distinctly as a child, and I think that I have met you once or twice since. It would give me great pleasure to be your guest on the 14th of March, but I am now my third week in the house with grip and would not care to risk [illegible] that time.

Please remember me very kindly to your husband and children, also to [illegible].

Very truly yours,

February 27 7.

Rev. Alvin O. Austin.

Hoonah, Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Brother:

Yours of February 3rd is received and contents noted. It will give me great pleasure to push the matter of a postoffice and mail service for Hoonah.

I am very glad that you have been able to straighten out your church wolk; it will be an assistance in a good many directions. The Department have sent advertisements to the Alaska papers for bids for the erection of a school house and teacher's residence at Hoonah, so that by next fall there ought to be a building ready for the occupation of the teacher, thus giving the whole of the present building to the use of your family.

With kind regards to Mrs. Austin and the children, and Mrs. Hallowell, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

February 87 7.

Mrs. William Libbey,

Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Madam:

Yours of February 25th is received. I can loan you the Lantern slides that I used at Princeton several years ago, if that will suit your purpose.

I am at present snug in the house with the "grippe" but hope to be able to be out next week and then can attend to your wishes. How many slides shall I send you, and of what character or sections of Athens?

Kind regards to your husband and father.

Very respectfully yours,

February 27 7.

Rev. W. H. H. Corlies,

Baptist Minister,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Brother:

If you will send me your address I will be very glad to send you a Report on the Schools of Alaska. Also please give me the date of your going to Alaska and date of your return from there. Also dates of your remaining at Port Wrangel, and dates at Tarkou and Juneau, or in other words the dates of your work in Alaska.

I suppose the children have grown up. Please remember me very kindly to your family.

Very respectfully yours,

February 27 7.

Hon. Lyman E. Knapp,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Governor:

Will you be so kind as to secure me information with regard to W. W. Winchester. Wwe are trying to get up a Chronology of the Ministers connected with the Alaska work, and while your brother-in-law did not actually reach Alaska yet he was under appointment and preparing to remove there at the time of his death, and thus far belongs to Alaska history. Please give me the date and place of birth, name of college and date of graduation, name of theological seminary and date of graduation, ordained to preach by what pastors or association; also the date of his appointment as missionary to Juneau by the Presbyterian Board of Missions; also place and date of his death.

By the way before you left Alaska did you leave a good photograph of yourself with the Society of Natural History and Ethnology? If not will you not kindly when convenient send one to Mr. F. E. Trobese, Librarian of the Society. The Society is very anxious as far as possible to secure and keep photographs with autographs of all Government officials, especially the general officials of

that country. It will be a collection of great historical interest in the future.

With kind regards to your family, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

March 1st 7

Mr C. E. Crandall

Colfax N. D.

Dear Sir

Yours of Jan 20th came during a long illness.

With regard to grass & hay on my land for this coming Summer I leave the price to you as you are on the ground & know best what can be done. If you rent for pasturage, or sell the hay, you will please write me the name of the parties and the terms of your agreement with them.

Very respectfully Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Any agreement of that kind, must be subject to sale. That is I would not be willing to rent the Cutting of the hay, or pasturing so that if a purchaser came along, I could not give immediate possession

March 1st

Mr Thomas Cochran

Saint Paul. Minn

My Dear Friend

I do not see that the Ch. N. W. R. R. is doing much better than the old.

It is now six months since I have received any rents from the Saint Paul property. It was the retaining of Collections that led to the ruin which the old firm did me. Therefore I would like an accounting every three months can it not be done?

You will take such legal steps as are necessary to get possession of the property occupied by Patrick Hankin.

What has become of the back taxes on the foreclosed properties, Is there no way of ascertaining what is legal, &c &c & having them settled? I am ready to pay the taxes You will let me know what they are. I dislike to have the penalties piling up. The Trustees of our old firm should pay them Year after

Year I inquired of Mr Walsh about the taxes and understood him to say that they were being attended to. I also wrote the firm about them, & have at least one letter (Have not had time to look over the file to see how many times it is mentioned) in which the firm writes me the taxes are being attended to And not at that very time & afterwards, it now turns up that they were not attended to, but allowed to be sold for taxes, with all the additional Costs & penalties.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

March 9 7.

Capt. R. H. Pratt, U.S.A.,
Indian School,
Carlisle Pennsylvania.

My dear Captain:

Mr. Standing has been to see me. All right. Mr. & Mrs. John H. Voorhees, my brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. William Kelly, and Mr. John G. Brady, will probably come up Wednesday morning. They have been invited to sp end Wednesday night at Dr. Norcross's so that you need not arrange accommodations for them at the Garrison. It will accommodate them of course to get their dinner or lunch on the grounds.

I hope that you may have a beautiful day and a very successful time. I hope you will listen to General Eaton in conferring with him. If you should resign, as you threaten to do, you will be doing just what the Catholics and your enemies want you to do. Usually the wisest thing for a man to do in an emergency is just the opposite of what his enemies want him to do. Of course you have annoyances if you remain at the head of the school; but you have always had annoyances ever since the school has been started, and you had annoyances in the Army before you went into the school You remember when you were a boy that the tree in the orchid that

had the best apples also had the most clubs lodged in its branches. The thing for you to do is to stand and not let them drive you out.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 9 7.

To the Missionary Society of the Moravian Church,

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Dear Brethren:

The different Churches that have missions in Alaska are making an effort to secure from President McKinley the appointment of a Christian Governor for that country. If you are willing to unite with the others in this movement that affects so deeply the welfare of your mission stations we would like to have you sign through your President and Secretary, and seal with the seal of your Society, the enclosed letter, or some similar letter to President McKinley.

Mr. Brady went to Alaska nineteen years ago as a Presbyterian Missionary. Circumstances threw him into secular life but he has in all his business relations maintained his Christian character and is a man of sterling integrity, understanding the needs of Alaska and its native population probably better than any man living. If we can secure his appointment by Mr. McKinley he will make an ideal Governor. Will you please attend to this matter as soon as convenient and mail your endorsement to me, to be filed with the papers of the other Churches, which will be submitted to the President.

Very truly yours, Sheldon Jackson

March 9 7.

The President of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

The "Society for the Propogation of the Gospel among the Heathen" by the Church of the United Brethren (Moravian) do respectfully request you to appoint Mr. John Green Brady of Sitka, Alaska, as Governor of Alaska.

We do this in the belief that Mr. Brady better than any other man who is an applicant for that position will fill the office in the higher interest both of the white men who have sought homes in that country and of the Christian civilization and education of the native races that compose very largely its population.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

March 9 7.

Rev. D. Wyvall,

North Park College,

Station X., Chicago, Ills.

Dear Brother:

As you know, our mission work in Alaska is very much helped or injured by the character of the Government officials. If we have a drinking, gambling, dissolute governor, he sets an example to the native people that it is very hard for the missionaries and teachers to overcome. As there is to be a change under Mr. McKinley in the officers in that country, the people interested in missions and in education, and the civilization of the native population of Alaska, are trying to influence Mr. McKinley to appoint men of good moral character who will be a help rather than a hindrance to the effort to educate and civilize the natives. With this object in view all the missionary societies that have worked in Alaska are uniting in requesting the President to appoint Mr. Brady, for nineteen years a resident of Alaska, and an earnest Christian man, to the position of Governor.

If your Society are willing to unite with the others in this movement will you please have the enclosed petition, or a sim-

ilar one drawn up by yourselves, signed by the President and Secretary of your Missionary Society, and stamped with your society seal, then mailed to me.

When you get time to look over the list of prices that is offered by the Smiths Cash Store, please let me know how they compare with what you ~~bid~~ paid last year. Do not order just yet from them as they have telegraphed me that they would give a still lower price on hardware and lumber. When I get their letter I will let you know how much less they have bid on those two commodities.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Washington, D. C., March 9, 1897.

To the President of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

The Swedish Evangelical Union Mission of the United States have for a number of years past been engaged in mission work in Alaska, and we feel a very great solicitude with regard to the character of the officials to be appointed for your Administration. In order to make sure that we have a good Governor we would respectfully recommend to you for appointment to that office in Alaska, Mr. John Green Brady, for nineteen years a resident of Sitka, Alaska.

Mr. Brady combines with his Christian character, integrity, a knowledge of the character of the population, and of the needs of that country; and from the acquaintance that our Missionaries have with him, we think he will make an ideal Governor.

Very respectfully yours,

March 12 7.

Judge John H. Keatley,

No. 410 Laurel Avenue,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Judge:

Yours of the 9th is received and it gives me pleasure to write you a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury. If it is not strong enough, write me what you think it ought to be and return it to me.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 12 7.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I learn that the Hon. John H. Keatley, Editor of the St. Paul Despatch, and ex-United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, is an applicant for the position of Deputy Comptroller.

I have known Mr. Keatley some years and believe him to be a competent and thoroughly efficient man for the service. It would give me much pleasure to see him secure the position which he is seeking.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

March 12 97.

Mrs. E. V. Slade,

62 East 66th Street,

New York City.

My dear Friend:

Yours of the 11th instant requesting me to make an address on the 5th of April, is received. I am just recovering from the 'grippe' and my Doctor has forbidden my making any more addresses; at the same time I feel the importance of that meeting so much, that I shall venture to accept your invitation. I also accept your hospitality for the occasion.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Agnew of the Executive Committee at the Commencement exercises at Carlisle, Pa. on yesterday.

I hope that my reindeer report for 1896 will be out in a few weeks---possibly by the time of your Annual meeting.

Kind regards to your son.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 12 7.

To the Board of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Sirs:

My commission expired on the 28th of February and I respectfully request that you renew the commission for one year from March 1st, 1897, at a salary of $500 instead of the $1200 which you have been giving me for a number of years past. The Presbytery of Alaska at its annual meeting August, 1896, instead of voting upon each individual application passed a resolution requesting the Board of Home Missions to re-commission all their missionaries in Alaska at the same salary. This blanket resolution of the Presbytery of course includes my case just the same as that of any of the resident ministers in that section.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Quarterly & Annual Report

March 12 7.

To the Board of Home Missions
of the Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Sirs:

I hereby send you my reports for the first, second, third and fourth quarters of the year ending March 1, 1897.

Last spring I made an extended tour through Southeastern Alaska looking after the interests of your work at Saxman, Wrangel, Juneau, and Sitka.

In July I went to the westward visiting the Aleutian Islands and the various points intervening along the North Pacific Coast; then pushing northward through Bering Sea, inspected the mission station at St. Lawrence Island; also visited Siberia in the interest of the Reindeer movement, and the stations and schools at Bering Straits, Teller Reindeer Station, Golavin Bay and Unalaklik. At Unalaska a communion service was held in June with the missionaries of several denominations en route to different portions of the western, central and arctic Alaska. Later in the season I held services at Port Clarence, near Bering Straits, with the teachers and natives in that vicinity.

In August we pushed northward through the Arctic ice, reaching Point Barrow. You remember that when I left New York last spring it was understood that the station at Point Barrow would be discontinued for the present, but when I reached there it seemed unwise to remove Mr. Stevenson on account of the property interests of the Board at that station, and that under the mission buildings might suitably be cared for and the school continued with the understanding that he would be relieved in the summer of 1897.

Returning southward in the fall I again visited southeast Alaska and spent a portion of September and October among the missions and schools in that region, ultimately bringing three of the pupils from the south-east with me to the training school at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Arriving in the East in October, I found a number of applications awaiting me to make mission addresses throughout the East, and since last October, I have made twenty-eight missionary addresses for different churches, Presbyterial meetings, &c. I had some ten or twelve other appointments, which I have been compelled to cancel because of the weakness brought about by an attack of the "gripne."

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 17 7.

Mrs. James McWhinnie,

512 Tremont Temple,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Madam:

The Woman's Home Mission Societies of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, and the Mission Societies of the Presbyterians, Methodists, Russians, Moravians, and probably Congressionalists and Baptists are uniting in recommending Mr. John Green Brady of Sitka, Alaska to the President as a suitable man for the Governorship of Alaska. As you know, with perhaps one or two exceptions, all the governors of Alaska have been drinking and some of them gambling men, and their influence and example havebeen very bad with the native population, neutralizing to a certain extent the efforts of the missionaries and the teachers to elevate the people. We feel that it is very important that the Christian element of the United States combine to try and secure better officials for the coming four years. We would therefore like to have your Society Unite with the others in the request to the President.

I enclose you a form which you can either use, or draw up another; when signed please mail to me at Washington.

write and mail me a similar application

We would also like to have you, ~~for the same thing will be done~~ for Mr. William A. Kelly, of Fort Arangel, Alaska, whom the religious societies of the country are pushing for U. S. Marshal. Mr. Kelly has been a resident of that country for twelve years, six of which he was incharge of the Industrial School at Sitka, and six years as U. S. ~~Marshal~~ Commissioner, appointed by President Harrison.

If Mr. Brady had been governor and Mr. Kelly marshal, when Mr. Roscoe was at Wood Island, the the difficulties which your mission had to encounter with the Greek priest and government authorities would not have occurred. Both of these men are active Christian men and will stand to the utmost for schools, missions and temperance in that country.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Woman's Home Missionary Society
Baptist Church
Tremont Temple
Boston Mass

March 17 7.

To

The President:

Sir:

Being deeply interested in the welfare of the native races of Alaska and being engaged in the effort to lift them up into Christian civilization, we most heartily join with others in recommending to your confidence Mr. John Green Brady of Sitka, for the Governorship of Alaska.

Mr. Brady has for nineteen years been a resident of that country and during all that time has been a leading republican, a leading law and order man, and diligent in his efforts to promote the civilization and improvement of the native races. He is represented to us as a man of the highest honor and integrity.

If you can see your way clear to appoint him, it will encourage the Baptist women of the United States in their missionary work in that country.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully your obedient servants

Pres. Sec. Treas.

March 17 7.

Miss Amelia Smith,

Longwood, New York.

Dear Madam:

Yours of the 11th instant is received. I think that I can promise you that either General Eaton or myself can address your Presbyterial Society on the 10th of June. General Eaton is out of town but will be back the last of the week, when I can let you know more definitely what we can do. It is very doubtful whether he would be able to make more that five or six addresses in your Presbytery. But there is in Washington a Miss Fanny Perley, long a missionary in Utah, who would be willing to come and address as many meetings in as many places as you think best. Whether General Eaton, or Miss Perley, or myself come, there will be no expense other than the necessary travelling expenses.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 17 7.

Miss Mary Parsons,

Rye, New York.

Dear Friend:

Yours of the 12th instant is received requesting an address on Wednesday, April 28th. I think that you can count on either General Eaton or myself being present, probably General Eaton. He is now out of the city but I expect him the last of the week, after which I will write you again.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 17 7.

Mrs. C. E. Corman,

414 Seventh Street,

Santa Rosa, California.

My dear Madam:

Yours of the 8th of March is received. It would give me pleasure to work for Mr. Farr for U.S.Marshal,only I am pledged to another party,who is considered an excellent man. for that position. The law and order people of Alaska are running him for Marshal.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 17 7

Mrs. Edgar P. Salmon,

Campbell, Steuben County, New York.

Dear Friend:

Yours of the 12th instant is received. General Eaton is absent from the city addressing the Presbyterial Society at Auburn and Syracuse. When he returns the last of this week I will confer with him about Hornellsville. I think you may expect that either he or myself can make your address on the 22nd.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 17 7.

Captain R. H. Pratt, U.S.A.,

Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Captain:

Yours of the 16th is received. I think that we have the School Journal on file but am not sure. As soon as I can command the time I will look up the copy of which you speak.

I enclose you a clipping from the Evening Post, which may be of interest.

Respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Enclosure.

I would take no notice of the Article in the "Post"

March 17 7.

Mr. Edward P. Shier,

San Anselmo, California.

Dear Sir:

Yours of March 9th is received. I was under the impression that I had already written you but will do so again. The Board of Home Missions are not willing to take you for the Alaska work until you have completed your third year, so that you had prossably better take for the present the field opening up to you in your neighborhood for the summer. Please write me again about the Alaska field next December, when I will know better what places will be vacant in that region.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 17 7.

Mr. A. T. Lewis,

615 Chamber of Commerce,

Portland, Oregon.

My dear Sir:

I am very glad to receive yours of March 10th and to hear from you again. It would have given me very great pleasure to have endorsed you for U. S. District Attorney for Alaska but I am promised to another. Your application came too late. The Board of Missions of New York are also promised to another, so that it would be no use for me to approach them on the subject.

May I ask who that applicant formerly of Portland to whom you refer is?

I was at Albany some six weeks ago and if your family was there then, I am very sorry that I did not know it, as it would have given me much pleasure to have visited them.

Wishing you success in your undertakings, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 22 7.

Mr. J. W. Harriman,

Cashier, Merchants National Bank,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I enclose you three checks aggregating $5,357.30 which you will kindly place to my credit on your books.

Very truly yours,

Stuyvesant Fish

Session Record of Presbyterian Church, Esperance N.Y.

RECORD.

Mrs. Delia Jackson presented herself for examination and membership in the Church at the last preparatory lecture Dec. 23, (1837).

Noted that her examination be sustained and that she be received to the fellowship of the Church. She was baptized on the 24th day of Dec.(1837) and admitted to the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

May 26, 1838 Samuel C. Jackson came forward with a view of uniting with the Church if the way be clear, he was examined on his religious experience and knowledge of the doctrines of the Scriptures and government of the Presbyterian Church. The examination was sustained and he was admitted to the Christian fellowship of the Church.

May 27th, Brother Samuel C. Jackson came forward and made a public profession of his faith and received the Lord's Supper.

Rev. B. H. Pitman

Moderator.

June 26, 1839 "Brother Samuel C. Jackson was unanimously chosen to the office of Ruling Elder.

Ordained and installed Ruling Elder Sept. 15, 1839.

Sheldon and Louisa, children of Samuel C. and Mrs. Delia Jackson were baptized Dec. 11th 1838 by Rev. Benjamin H. Pitman.

Sheldon Jackson was received on examination before Session Oct. 1st 1853.

Miss Louisa Jackson was received on examination before Session Dec. 31, 1853.

Received in Church Jan. 1, 1854.

Dismissed Dec. 21, 1857.

March 22 7.

To

The President,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Alaska has been so unfortunate in the character of the men appointed by previous administrations to administer law and justice in that country, that the friends of law and order and the friends of the best interests of the country are deeply solicitous with regard to the character of the men that shall be recommended to and appointed by yourself to control our destinies for the next four years in Alaska.

Permit me to call your attention to Mr. William Albert Kelly, a man who was appointed by President Harrison U. S. Commissioner in Alaska, and who has for six years been the Superintendent of the largest and most successful Industrial School in Alaska, and has also been the Government Superintendent of Public Instruction for Southeast Alaska.

The friends of law and order in Alaska and those interested in that country through the missionary operations of the several largest Protestant and Roman Catholic ~~missions~~ Churches desire

that Mr. Kelly may be appointed by yourself United States Marshal for Alaska, when that office becomes vacant. The present Marshal is doing fairly well, and people have no objection to his serving out his four years' term, but when a change is made we desire to urge upon your attention Mr. Kelly.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Sheldon Jackson

March 20 7.

To

The President,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Permit me to call your attention to Mr. John Green Brady as a suitable man for the Governorship of the District of Alaska.

I have known Mr. Brady intimately for twenty years, and during that time having been in charge of either educational or missionary work in that country, I am well acquainted with all the leading citizens, and I desire to say, that there is no man in Alaska to-day that is so well fitted to make a good Governor as Mr. Brady.

The conditions existing in that country are widely different from those existing in any other portion of the United States. It is like the District of Columbia,---a district and not a territory. We have no territorial legislature; the citizens have no method of expressing their wishes with regard to government. ~~The~~ Four-fifths of the population are native and but partly civilized; the other one-fifth are white people of whom probably three-fourths represent the lower

classes of our white population that drift into new regions. A number of them are saloon-keepers, a larger number are men that drink and gamble. Vice is exceedingly prevalent. The majority of the white people there are opposed to and have no faith in civilization and education of the native classes. Under these conditions the Governor should be a man of sterling integrity, good judgment, great practical common sense, in favor of the civilization and education of the natives and of what might be the law and order party of the country,--a man who will not cater to the lower tastes of a depraved white population and will not yield to the clamor for the demoralization of the natives. A man who has had long experience with the natives, understands their character and language, and is friendly to their advancement and welfare.

With my knowledge of the p eople of Alaska and the peculiar conditions existing there and with a very large acquaintance throughout the United States gained by forty years of public work, I do not know a man East or West so eminently fitted for the position as Mr. Brady.

Permit me also to respectfully call to your attention the fact that, since the organic act organizing Alaska into a District passed Congress in 1884, with but one exception we have not had a respectable or decent Governor in that country. Many of our governors have been drinking, gambling men. The

majority of the Judges of our District Court have been of the same character; as you may judge from the fact that in the last twelve years, seven judges have been appointed by the President over the one U.S.District Court and all of them removed except the present incumbent. The majority of the officials so far appointed during the history of Alaska have been a disgrace to the administration which they represented. We have found by bitter experience that it is very difficult to remove an official who proves incompetent and unworthy. On this account you will pardon the solicitude that the friends of Alaska feel in your coming appointments for that country.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Washington, D.C.,

March 22, 1897.

Recommending Mr. JOHN GREEN BRADY, for GOVERNOR of ALASKA.

March 25 7.

Hon. George C. Perkins,

United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor:

I find that Senator Teller is absent from the city and probably will be away some days. In the past he has very kindly watched the appropriations for schools and reindeer in Alaska. In his absence, may I trouble you to be so kind as to see that the appropriation for schools and reindeer for Alaska is all right in the Sundry Civil Bill.

I have not yet been able to get a copy of the Bill as sent over from the House on Monday, but will probably get one to-morrow, and if it is not all right will drop you a line.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U.S.Gen'l.Agt., Education for Alaska.

Alaska Report.

March 23 7.

Mr. H. H. Hart,

Secretary National Conference of Charities & Correction,
State Capitol,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Yours of March 18 is received. I greatly regret to say that there has been no change in the situation in Alaska during the past year. Having no territorial Legislature the people are without power of inaugurating any reforms. Urgent representations have been made by the Governor and other officials to the authorities at Washington of the necessity of making some provision for the care of insane persons. A number of cases of insanity exist in Alaska, some of which are dangerous to the public and have to be restrained of liberty; but there is no place where they can be cared for but the ordinary jail at Sitka, at the personal expense of the U.S.Marshal, as no appropriation or other means of support have been provided by Congress. There are now confined in the jail at Sitka two dangerously insane men. The neighboring states of Washington and Oregon have refused so far to receive in their asylums any of the insane from Alaska. Those who are confined in the jail cannot be given either the treatment or the care that they need. Very respectfully Yours Sheldon Jackson

March 23 7.

Mr. William Wadhams,

Portland, Oregon.

My dear Brother:

Yours of the 17th instant is received and contents noted. I am much obliged to you for a copy of the Occident containing the Picture of the New Church at Metlahkatla and also your article on Mr. Duncan's work. Permit me to take exception to some of your conclusions. In your published article you take the ground that Mr. Duncan's work has not been written up to the extent that the missions have. You are laboring under a misapprehension in this matter, not having had access to the voluminous letters of tourists, government officers and others with regard to Alaska. Mr. Duncan has had many times more advertisement than any mission or all the missions of Alaska combined. You are right in your letter to me that Mr. Duncan was offered a commission as teacher which he very properly refused under the circumstances. This is no fault of the government, but is due to his misconception of what is best for his own people. As you know, popular sentiment has been growing in opposition to the government subsidizing church or religious schools until the Commissioner of Education has felt that it was good poli-

cy and the wish of the American public that government schools should be separated from mission schools; consequently the Bureau of Education have cut loose from all missionary societies, so that all the public schools of Alaska are on the same footing as the public schools of the city of Portland. Of course I have taken a very deep interest in Mr. Duncan's movement and by my addresses in his behalf in the East have raised him many thousands of dollars for the furtherance of his work; but I have no sympathy whatever with his educational policy. He has systematically refused to have good teachers-with but one exception, when we got a trained teacher from Western Pennsylvania ~~[illegible]~~--Mr. McKee, but Mr. Duncan insisted constantly in interfering with Mr. McKee's methods and trying to make him teach in lines that were in vogue 30 or 40 years ago in England when Mr. Duncan was a young man. We are ready to support a good public school when the government is allowed to appoint the teacher just as your Board of School Directors in Portland appoint their teachers without reference to any Church; but Mr. Duncan will not allow this and prefers to carry on his poor school under untrained teachers. The result is that there is considerable dissatisfaction among his own people over his school policy, and when the government gets a first-class school in the neighborhood of Metlakatla you will find that a number of Mr. Duncan's families will reside during the winter at the new place for the purpose of educating their children. As it has been my

business to make the matter one of careful thought and study dur-
ing all the years of the history of New Metlahkatla I know what I
am talking about, and if I could see you could give you a good many
instances that it will take too much time to write. Again, the
schools of Southeast Alaska have been placed by the President under
the Civil Service and now Mr. Duncan himself could not get the
school at Metlahkatla as he has not the necessary acquirements.
I am glad to hear that he has engaged a man from Iowa as teacher;
but know that if the man is of any account Mr. Duncan will not
keep him more than one or two years. Mr. Duncan has constantly
and persistently, to my knowledge, deprecated any attempt on the
part of the young people of his village to secure a liberal educa-
tion. Last Fall Captain Pratt of Carlisle, who has the most effi-
cient school in the world for the training of people situated as
Mr. Duncan's are, offered to take ten of the young people of Met-
lahkatla and give them a good education, teaching the young men
trades and prepare the young women to be either seamstresses, dress-
makers, cooks, or school teachers as they might wish. The pupils
in Capt. Pratt's school are receiving a more systematic training
and have better opportunities than either you or I when we went to
school, and yet Mr. Duncan prevented their going.

Sometime when we meet, if you will call up the subject, I can
give you considerable information with regard to matters at New
Metlahkatla.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 23 7.

Prof. A. W. Gamble,

1904 North Street,

Logansport, Indiana.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 20th instant with regard to your friend, whom (What is his name & address you do not name, I would say there will be several vacancies in Alaska. In the first place there is the District Attorneyship, second, the place of Clerk of the U. S. District Court, third, the places of five U. S. Commissioners. There are many applicants for every position in Alaska, but probably the strongest political influence will win.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

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March 23 7.

Mr. F. E. Frobese,

Industrial School,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Your tabulated report for February is received. It is just what we want every month, but I want in addition to it a letter from you giving a history of your work during the month. Now, during the first week in February you simple say "Painting the U.S.Warehouse on government wharf at Sitka." You make no explanations why you painted the warehouse; it is not your regular work, as that is confined to the Industrial School and the Museum. You should also state what you received for that work and what you did with the money. You will please send me explanations by return mail.

I have requested Mr. Kelly to see that all the Industrial teachers attend strictly to their work, for while he has no jurisdiction over you as superintendent of the Industrial School he does have jurisdiction over you as superintendent of the public schools. I expect the government teachers to confine themselves as strictly to their duties as Miss Patton or Miss Saxman do to their school

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rooms; you would not expect either of them during school hours to leave the school room and go off down town on an errand.

I have also requested Mr. Kelly to provide a suitable boy during the steamer time whom he or you can train to make change in money, said boy to be doorkeeper at the Museum. Whenever you hear the gun notifying you that a steamer has arrived, you will go home and dress up for the reception of tourists at the Museum. I would advise you to take a lunch with you from home so that during the middle of the day you will not have to be absent from the building. I do not know whether the Society has made any rule with regard to it but I think I know the sentiments of the Society that the Museum is not to be opened under any circumstances on the Lord's day, no matter who or how influential the parties are that may wish to have access to it. You will keep it strictly locked on Sunday.

I was not able to find your insurance papers in time to forward them to you by Mr. Kelly. I am not sure but what they have already been forwarded to you by mail. If you have not received them please let me know and I will make another search for them.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 23 7.

Mr. John G. Heid,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Friend:

Yours of March 6th is received; also the enclosed papers. I will have them presented at the Attorney-General's office and place them on file. Mr. Hannum and other applicants for the position are making quite an effort and unless Mr. Johnson will take up and push your application in the city, I am afraid that it will fail from the want of attention.

The Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church have very warmly endorsed you and sent their endorsements to the President, and we hope that you may succeed. It is unfortunate that Mr. Johnson is an applicant for the Governorship as that will stand in the way of your application. In the scramble for offices and the large number of applications, it is not at all probable that the President will appoint two men to important offices from the same office You will remember perhaps that Mr. Brady was the choice for Governor at the time of Mr. Harrison's election to the Presidency, and was pushed by the missionaries in Alaska, a number of teachers, and others, and also by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. They

have never given up their choice and now that another Republican President is in office very naturally again take up the fight for Mr. Brady. As an outsider not able to actively engage in the contest myself I perhaps see more clearly how things are going than I would if in the heat of the contest, and I do not deem that Mr. Johnson has the shadow of a chance for the governorship; but so many applying from Alaska for the same office may cause the President to go outside and select a man to fill our Alaska offices. As I said to you last fall, it was very important that the Republicans should get together and settle among themselves and not have so many applicants for the same position.

Wishing you success to your application, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

DISTRICT OF ALASKA.

For GOVERNOR: JOHN GLENN BRADY. Is 49 years of age, a graduate of Yale, a member of the "Alaska Bar" and is fully identified with the country, and a life long republican. Appointed Commissioner in Alaska by President Arthur.

Recommended by:-

A petition from the officers of the Alaska Bureau of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M.E. Church, U.S., endorsed by Bishop John F. Hurst, Bishop John P. Newman, Mrs. Clinton B. Fiske, and others, in which petition they are joined by other churches, who say Mr. Brady is a suitable man for the position as a leader of the law and order party, and has resided in Alaska for 19 yrs. Was appointed U.S. Commissioner in Alaska in 1884, by President Arthur.

There are also numerously endorsed petitions from other Churches and societies, all of whom unite in saying that Mr. Brady is a man of sterling integrity, is thoroughly familiar with the needs of Alaska, and is in every way qualified for the position of Governor.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson, says he knows of no man East or West so well fitted in character and interest in the civilization of this region as Mr. Brady, and hopes for the sake of the honor of the administration he will be appointed Governor. States the peculiar conditions that call for such a man to preside over the country, and refers to the unfitness of previous officials sent to that District. Commends Mr. Brady as a man of the strictest integrity, and is heartily in favor of the appointment.

Mr. William A. Kelly, Supt. of Schools in Southeast Alaska, one of the Nat'l Delegates to St. Louis, endorses Mr. Brady as preeminently qualified for the duties of Governor of Alaska, and thinks the natives will feel that in Mr. Brady they will have a trustworthy friend who will see that their rights are respected.

Lieut. G.T. Emmons, U.S.N., writes to Mr. Brady that he hopes to see him the Governor; that Senator Henderson he has heard express himself favorably to Mr. Brady, and would aid him if in Washington.

Dr. C. L. Flood of Meadville,Pa. recommends the appointment,having known Mr.Brady and his relatives in Pa. many years. Says Mr.Brady is worthy of confidence and esteem; that he went to Alaska 19 years ago,and has lived there ever since.

Ex-Judge Warren Truitt ,of Alaska, now of Moscow,Idaho, states that Mr. Brady has a thorough knowledge of the needs of Alaska,and of the condition of its population, and from an intimate acquaintance can commend him as one who will reflect credit upon the public service.

William Duncan, Missionary at Metlahkatla, Alaska, says Mr. Brady is in full sympathy with the missionary and educational work being carried on "for the uplifting of the native population."

Rt.Rev.P.T.Rowe,Bishop of Alaska,expresses a wish that Mr. Brady may receive the appointment, as it carries with it so much that is of vital importance to Alaska,and trusts that "the President may be guided by wisdom from on high" in making the selection of a governor.

Presbyterian, Moravian, and Catholic missionaries and teachers unite in endorsing Mr. Brady for Governor in cordial and earnest terms.

Mr. John Green Brady, states for himself in his application to the President: That he has been a constant supporter and friend of the President. That he is forty-eight years of age, was born in New York city,that at an early age he was taken by the "Childrens Aid Society to Indiana ,placed on a farm with a lawyer,who became his foster father. Became a representative and Senator and Judge in that State. For his education,he attended school at Waveland Academy,Ind.and then went to Yale College, and graduated in 1874. Attended the Union Theol.Sem. and graduated in 1877; was sent to Alaska by the Pres.Board of Missions and worked there for one year. After the Organic Act was passed he was appointed U.S.Commissioner. Is in the lumber business in Sitka,and his home and interests are all there.

Letters of introduction to Hon. Cornelius N. Bliss, Secretary of the Interior, are submitted from W. R. Huberman of 14 Wall St., New York, Clarence W. Bowen of 130 Fulton St., New York, N. Y.

Also letters to Hon. U. S. Senator Geo. C. Perkins, from Lloyd Tevis, of San Francisco,
Charles Crocker & Co., San Francisco, Cal.,
Bowhill, Fearns & Co., San Francisco, and
Robert M. Lowry, San Francisco, California,

All of whom testify to Mr. Brady's qualifications for the position, to his public spirit, tenacity of purpose, and to his ardent republican principles.
Mr. Witherbee states in his letter to Secretary Bliss that he was at Yale College with Mr. Brady and judges that in his career in Alaska through various business ven. that he is well esteemed in Alaska and its interests will be well looked after if appointed Governor. He knows him to be a man of integrity and would not recommend him if he did not think this was the case.

March 24 7

Rev. Joseph T. Kelley,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother:

Many portions of Central Alaska, the Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean Coasts of that country have but one mail a year, which usually leaves Washington in April. The teachers, missionaries, fur-traders and miners, have very little fresh reading, so that I have been in the habit a few years past of soliciting second-hand magazines, illustrated papers, &c., to send into that country. Many of the persons receiving these papers have no other reading matter. If it meets with your approval please invite your people to send to me such packages of reading matter as they can spare and leave them addressed to me at the U.S.Bureau of Education, corner of 8th and G streets, N.W.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 24 7.

Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D.D.,

1200 K Street, N. W., City.

My dear Brother:

Will you kindly request such of your people as may be willing to send to the Polar Sea, and the interior of Alaska their second-hand magazines and illustrated papers to leave the same addressed to me at the U. S. Bureau of Education, corner of 8th and G streets, N.W., not later than the first week in April.

The supply which your people so generously gave a year ago was sent to about thirty different places on the shores of Bering Sea and the Arctic Ocean; also into the interior of Alaska. At many of these points they have but one mail a year, and I have no doubt that the reading matter sent was the only fresh reading they had at three-fourths of those places during this past winter.

Again thanking your Congregation for their liberal response to my request a year ago, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 24 7.

Rev. Taunis S. Hamlin, D.D.,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Brother:

Will you kindly notice at Prayer meeting, to your people a request for second-hand magazines and illustrated papers for distribution in the Bering Sea, Arctic Ocean and Interior regions of Alaska. The supply so generously sent in by our people last year was sent to about thirty stations and at the majority of those places was probably the only fresh reading they had all this past winter. As you know, all that region has but one mail once a year; that yearly mail needs to start from the East in April, so that whatever the people will kindly send should be sent at once,---at least by the first week in April. The packages may be addressed to me and left at the U. S. Bureau of Education, cor. of 8th and G streets, N.W.

Again thanking the Congregation for their liberal supply a year ago, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 24 7.

Mrs. William Thaw,

P. O. Box 1086, Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Thaw:

Yours of the 20th instant is received. In reply to your questions permit me to write that I expect to go to Alaska this summer. As I am a Commissioner to the coming General Assembly I will not start as early as usual, but will leave the Assembly at the close, making a steamer at Puget Sound, which sails June 5th or 6th. I expect to go first to Unalaska and St. Michael, then take a trip of 2000 miles up the Yukon River to the various mines. Returning down the river I will then go aboard the Revenue Cutter "Bear" and visit the Reindeer Stations and St. Lawrence Island.

I can hardly say what kind of supplies will be most acceptable to Mr. & Mrs Gamble. During the winter they make small companies at the mission house of the Eskimo children and to entertain them have pop-corn. I presume however they have ordered a good supply of that kind of refreshment. I presume they do not feel able to buy any delicacies. Perhaps a little choice candy or sweetmeats would be very acceptable. There is one thing, however, that I know they would greatly appreciate, and yet they refuse to ask for it

because of trying to save expense as far as possible to the Board, so badly in debt. Their sitting room, just off the kitchen, is about 6 x 10 feet in size; the one window is on the south side, on the east side is a blank wall, and it would increase the roominess and pleasantness of the room if they could have a bay-window. I could have the window all framed and made ready to put together in Seattle, Washington. Capt. Tuttle of the "Bear" would probably take it up without charge for the freight and at St. Lawrence Island would send his Carpenter ashore to put the window in.

A general supply of reading matter is desirable. I do not think that the Gambles have a homeopathic medicine case or box; I know that such would be very acceptable to them. I also know that a family medicine book would be acceptable: they tried to borrow from the Reindeer and Missionary stations such a book in order to get information with regard to Mrs. Gamble's approaching confinement, but I was unable to find them anything on the subject in that region. Nine hundred dollars of Mr. Gamble's salary is paid by the Government and I think that the Board of Home Missions give him $300 additional for missionary work outside of school hours. Then of course there is a little additional expense to the Board for repairs &c. on the building.

I return you the photograph which you kindly loaned me of Mr. and Mrs. Gamble. I also send you an ivory paper knife which Mr. Gamble gave me to mail to you, but which I concluded was safer to

be brought on to Washington. I now forward it to you.

I was much disappointed at not seeing you at the Inauguration, as Miss Fletcher had informed me that you were coming. I hope I may be in the city when you visit it next.

With kind regards to your family, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 24 [illegible]

Mrs. Elliot Shepard,

No. 2 West 52nd Street,

New York City.

My dear Mrs. Shepard:

Thinking that you will be interested in hearing of the progress of Florence Wells, I enclose a copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of Chemawa, Oregon, Indian School, where she is teaching under appointment of the U. S. Government. As you know, Olga Hilton and Flora Campbell are teaching at Sitka. Minnie Shotter is married and living at Douglas Island. Blance Lewis died. Thus three out of the four living girls that composed the group which you educated are teaching and doing well.

With kind regards to your family I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Enclosure.

COPY.

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
Office of the Superintendent,
Indian Training School,
Chemawa, Oregon, March 9th, 1897.

Hon. Sheldon Jackson,
Gen'l Agt. of Education for Alaska,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 23rd ultimo, asking me to give you confidentially my judgment of the ability, tact, and success of Miss Florence Wells, as a teacher, she having made application to be transferred to the Schools in Alaska.

In reply to the same, I will state that I have no hesitation in recommending Miss Wells as a splendid teacher, faithful employe and a good young woman.

She teaches in our Sabbath School, and takes a good interest in all our pupils.

My Principal teacher, Prof. Nardin, says she is quite studious in her preparation for recitations and regular work.

I am glad to be able to recommend Miss Wells, as I am doing, as she is an Indian, and I am always more than pleased to see them succeed.

I spoke to her in a roundabout way, about her desire to go to Alaska and she said she had made application some time ago, but now she

did not desire a transfer.

I regret to say she is now very sick with a severe attack of La Grippe.

We have several Alaska pupils here, and are trying to do the very best we can for them morally, intellectually, and physically.

I am sorry to say that you always pass us by on your trips from Alaska to the East, although glad to know that you are a strong patron and friend of the Carlisle School, a school at which I had one year's experience as a teacher, several years ago.

I will be pleased to have you visit Chemawa whenever you can do so, and if you can conscientiously recommend any Alaska Boys and Girls I will be only too glad to receive them and give them the benefits which this school affords.

I have the honor to remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

(signed) Thos. W. Potter.

Superintendent.

March 27 7.

Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D.,
Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Doctor:

Bishop Hurst has just sent me the letter which you drew up to the President in behalf of Messrs. Brady, Kelly and Heid; he also signed the same. I notice that you have included the three men and three offices in the same letter. Permit me to suggest that you ought to write separate letters for each person. For instance the letter commending Mr. Brady for Governor will go to the Interior Department and the letters commending Mr. Kelly for Marshal and Mr. Heid for District Attorney will be sent to the Attorney-General's office, as it will be impossible to divide the letter the result will be that the letter which you wrote will be put into Mr. Brady's file and there will be nothing on file to show in behalf of Mr. Kelly and Mr. Heid.

Will you kindly write separate letters ~~for each party~~ in behalf of Kiley + Heid and send them to Bishop Hurst, or send them to me and I will see Bishop Hurst and secure his signature.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 27 7.

Rev. M. E. Strieby, D.D.

American Missionary Association,

Bible House, New York City.

My dear Doctor:

I take it for granted that you are personally well acquainted with Mr. Cornelius N. Bliss, of the Broadway Tabernacle Church, who is now Secretary of the Interior. Of course he comes to his duties in the Interior Department ignorant of the character of the employes of the Department, and it seems to me it will be a favor to him and an assistance to the cause, if some one in whom he has confidence could commend any of his employes to his confidence. I have thought that it would be of assistance in interesting Mr. Bliss in the work in Alaska if you would write a note to him calling his attention to the fact that myself, one of the employes in the Bureau of Education has had charge of the work in Alaska from the beginning of any effort to civilize those people. You have known me and my work for some years and therefore I thought would be able and willing to write him a letter commending me to Mr. Bliss' confidence. If you feel yourself at liberty to do so, I will be very much obliged to you.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 27 7.

Hon. Darwin R. James,

Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Sir:

I have learned from inside sources that there is to be a change in the make up of the Commission of the Five Civilized Tribes, of which ex-Senator Dawes is chairman.

The commission as it now stands is composed of one republican and four democrats. I am informed that one of the democrats who is reported to be a drinking man will be dropped. As you realize it is very important that a suitable man be recommended to the President in his place. I find that General Eaton would like the position and the College authorities at Salt Lake will probably be willing to give him leave of absence for a time to serve on that commission. As you know, it is very important to secure a man who has a previous knowledge of the questions before the commission and not take a green man who will require two or three years to understand the situation. General Eaton has made a special study for the last twenty-six years of the problem in the Indian Territory as well as other sections occupied by the natives. Outside of the Board of Indian Commissioners and those in the Indian Office, he is

probably the best informed man in the United States on Indian problems and the friends of the Indians are to be congratulated that it is possible to secure such a man.

If it meets your approval will you not write to President Gates and other members of your Board in behalf of General Eaton? You can say to them that you have information from Washington from a source that you consider reliable, that there will be a change in the Commission, and ascertain whether they will be willing to endorse General Eaton for the vacancy if one shall occur; and if they are willing can you not draw up a paper to that effect which as many of them as are willing to endorse General Eaton will sign asking his appointment in case there is any change.

I hope you are greatly improved by your visit to Asheville. I wish I could get off somewhere myself to recover my strength.

Kind regards to your family.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 27 7.

Rev. R. G. McNiece, D.D.,

1248 Blaine Avenue,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Brother:

I suppose you are getting somewhat settled in your new home. Please let me know what is the best address for sending books for the Library of "Sheldon Jackson College." Shall I continue to send them to the former address of yourself at the parsonage, or shall they go to Mr. Caskey's address at the Collegiate Institute?

We look forward with great pleasure to your work in connection with the College.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 27 7.

Rev. R. G. McNiece, D.D.,
President of "Sheldon Jackson College,"
Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Sir:

I notice through a letter received by General Eaton from Mr. McLean that Mr. Murphy, one of the Trustees of the College, has recently died. General Eaton and myself have been debating the question of suggesting to the Board the appointment of a Trustee in New York City. You remember we, at different times, spoke of the enlargement of the Board that there might be one member in New York and another in Washington in addition to myself. If it meets the approval of the Board will you not keep a place open for a man from New York City?

I hope some of you may be present at the next General Assembly, where General Eaton and myself hope to be, that we can further confer over this and other college matters. General Eaton and myself have our eyes fixed upon a young man by the name of William Jay Schefflein, who is a son-in-law of Mrs. Elliot F. Shepard. He is wealthy in his own name and will be still wealthier through his

wife when she inherits her portion of her mother's property. He is a working member of Dr. John Hall's Church; he is also a trustee in the Hampton Institute. Various organizations are beginning to find out his worth and are trying to secure him in their boards, and we think it will be well to get him interested in our College before he is on so many boards that he will have no further time to give. Between this and the General Assembly I will find out more definitely in regard to him.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 29 7.

To the Secretaries of

Home Missions of the

Baptist Society,

Dear Brethren:

I have just learned from an inside source that there is to be a change in the present composition of the "Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes," popularly known as the "Dawes Commission." As at present constituted there is one republican and four democrats. One of the members is reported to me to be a drinking, gambling fellow and probably will be the first one to resign. I also learn from inside sources that the Civilized Tribes, Cherokees, Choctaws, Seminoles, &c., do not propose to give any consideration whatever for the large amount of propwrty which the Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians invested in schools and missions, so that if the Mission Boards of these Churches are to receive any consideration for the money invested in the Terrritory they can only do it through the efforts of this Commission. This Commission, as you know, is appointed to prepare an agreement between the Indians and the Government, which shall be mutually satisfactory, and through which the present tribal government will be broken up and the Indian Territory come in as a regular territory under the Government. You will

therefore at once see the importance of having that Commission composed of the very best men possible; men who will in effecting the agreement protect the rights of the churches as well as the government. I find in looking over the matter that General John Eaton would be willing to serve on that Commission. As you know, during all the years that he was U.S. Commissioner of Education he made a special study of the conditions existing in the Indian Territory as well as in New Mexico and Utah; and therefore if he were appointed on the Commission by the President would come into the work not as a green man unacquainted with its duties and needing a year or two to understand the subject; but would come prepared to enter at once with mature judgment into consideration of the questions that must be dealt with by the Commission. There is so much money at stake in the mission buildings that is jeopardized by the present negotiations that I felt you ought to know it, and therefore take the liberty of writing you.

I think it would be well for the Mission Secretaries of the Churches interested to have a conference at an early period on the subject and agree on some concert of action. I expect to attend the Woman's Presbyterial Society on next Monday, April 5th, in New York, and will remain over Tuesday the 6th, when I can confer with the several Secretaries either by their coming together or by going around to their several offices. I do not know that you need to take any action before then; if, however, I find that the place becomes open be-

fore then, I will probably telegraph you, when one of you should come to Washington.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 29 7

To the Secretaries

of the Board of Home Missions of the

Presbyterian Church, 156 Fifth Ave.,New York City.

Dear Brethren:

I have just learned from an inside source that there is to be a change in the present composition of the "Commission to the Five Civilised Tribes", popularly known as the "Dawes Commission". As at present constituted there is one republican and four democrats. One of the members is reported to me to be a drinking, gambling fellow and probably will be the first one to resign. I also learn from inside sources that the Civilized Tribes, Cherokees, Choctaws, Seminoles, &c., do not propose to give any consideration whatever for the large amount of property which the Presbyterians,Baptists and Methodists invested in schools and missions, so that if the Mission Boards of these Churches are to receive any consideration for the money invested in the Territory they can only do it through the efforts of this Commission; this commission as you know, is appointed to prepare an agreement between the Indians and the Government,which shall be mutually satisfactory, and through which the present tribal government will be broken up and the Indian Territory come in as a regular territory under the Government. You will

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Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 29 7.

To the

Secretaries of Home Missions of the

Methodist Episcopal Church,

150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Brethren:

I have just learned from an inside source that there is to be a change in the present composition of the "Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes," popularly known as the "Dawes Commission." As at present constituted there is one republican and four democrats. One of the members is reported to me to be a drinking, gambling fellow and probably will be the first one to resign. I also learn from inside sources that the Civilized Tribes, Cherokees, Choctaws, Seminoles, &c., do not propose to give any consideration whatever for the large amount of property which the Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians invested in schools and missions, so that if the Mission Boards of these Churches are to receive any consideration for the money invested in the Territory they can only do it through the efforts of this Commission; this commission, as you know, is appointed to prepare an agreement between the Indians and the Government, which shall be mutually satisfactory, and through which the present tribal government will be broken up and the Indian Territo-

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Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 29 7

Rev. R. Richmond Marsh,

51 Washington Square South,

New York City.

My dear Doctor:

Mrs. Elliot F. Shepard, at No. 2 West 52nd Street, New York, has set Wednesday the 31st, at 10 o'clock A.M. as the time when she will be very glad to receive a call from yourself and wife. Please make all your arrangements accordingly.

I hope to see you at the meetings next week on Tuesday.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

29th March 7.

Mrs. Margaret L. Shepard,

No. 2 West 52nd Street,

New York City.

My dear Mrs. Shepard:

Yours of the 20th instant is received, and I will write at once to Doctor Marsh and his wife to call on Wednesday the 31st at 10 A. M. at your house, and I hope you may have a pleasant call.

I am expected to give an address before the Ladies' Home Missionary Society of the New York Presbytery at 3 o'clock on Monday, April 5th at 156 Fifth Ave and meet with the Woman's Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 6th at 11 o'clock.

If convenient to yourself, I will be very glad to call at your house on Monday evening, April 5th, as I do not think I will be in the city again before leaving for Alaska.

With kind regards to the family, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 29 , 7

Mr. E. Otis Smith,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Brother:

It will give me great pleasure to endorse an application from you for U. S. Commissioner at Sitka in the place of Commissioner Rogers. You should get up a petition to the President, then get all of the endorsements of the good people of Sitka and Juneau that you can and send them on at once. The sooner they reach here the better. You can send them direct to the President by mail, or you can enclose them to me and I will send them in with my own endorsement of them.

Kind regards to Mrs. Smith.

Very truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

March 29 7

Rev. A. E. Austin,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Brother:

Yours concerning the resignation of Commissioner Peters is received. If the better class of people of Sitka will endorse and push Mr. S. Otis Smith for Commissioner [illegible] probably get him; but what you do, ought to be done at once.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 31 7.

Capt. C. W. Newton,

Marietta, Ohio.

Dear Captain:

The coming meeting of the General Assembly will have so much to do with both home missions and the present crisis of missions in Utah that I feel some special effort should be made by those acquainted with the necessities of the hour to secure as commissioners to the next General Assembly men who are specially fitted by past observation and training for dealing with these questions. I have already written to the Stated Clerk of your Presbytery concerning these things and asking that if the way be found clear and it does not interfere with any plans the Presbytery may have, that General Eaton be sent as commissioner to the next General Assembly. In addition to that official letter to the Stated Clerk, I have thought that it would help matters if you, who understand somewhat the condition of things and the special adaptation of General Eaton, would take the trouble to speak of him and of the wisdom of sending him, to various members of the Presbytery when they meet with whom you are acquainted. A personal canvass in this matter would go a great way.

Very truly yours, Sheldon Jackson.

March 31 7.

Mrs. D. R. James,

Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Mrs. James:

Yours of the 27th instant is received. Judge McKenna the Attorney-General, is very favorable to Mr. Brady's appointment as Governor, and took the pains to personally go with and introduce Mr. Brady to the President. I do not think that he will interfere with the appointments in Alaska on denominational grounds.

It will give me pleasure to assist the Executive Committee all I can at Winona.

Hoping to see you next Tuesday at headquarters, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 1 7.

Mrs. John C. Martin,

151 West 96th Street,

New York City.

My dear Mrs. Martin:

Yours of the 30th of March is received and I return you the Cardinal's letter as you request.

Attorney-General McKenna very kindly took Mr. Brady over in person and introduced him to the President. Of course he only had a moment with Mr. McKinley.

One of the Congressmen, Mr. Mills, is to introduce him to-day to Mr. Bliss. I think his cause is proceeding favorably. The President has intimated to some of the Alaskan men that he proposes to stand by home rule; this is very favorable to Mr. Brady.

Mr. C. S. Johnson has withdrawn in favor of Mr. Brady and removed his application from the files for Governor.

Mr. Max Pracht is very much opposed to Mr. Brady and although I have not heard of his doing anything have no doubt that he is actively at work against him. Among the new applicants for the position is a Peter French, brother to Mr. French who was prominent at one time in the police board or some office in New York City. Mr.

French was at one time collector of customs in Alaska; since then he has been keeping a liquor saloon in Portland, so low down as to stand behind his own bar to deal out drinks, and of course a very obnoxious man for governor of Alaska.

Mr. Brady and myself will both be present at the Woman's meetings in New York on Monday and Tuesday next; at which time we hope to see you. Kind regards to your husband.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Enclosure.

ALASKA.

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For Governor:- JOHN G. BRADY, of ALASKA, Applicant.

Recommended by:-

Hon. D. W. Mills, M.C., commends Mr. Brady as a suitable man for the position, as thouroughly identified with the Territory, and believes his appointment would be in the interest of good government. Speaks from personal knowledge and knows Mr. Brady's standing in Alaska, as a man of bsiness ability and character.

Hon. Chas. F. Joy, M.C.,of Missouri, states that he has known Mr. Brady for 25 years, went through Yale College with him, and vouches for him in every way. That the peculiar condition of Alaska calls for the selection of such a man as Mr. Brady, and the President cannot be mistaken in making the appointment.

Hons.J. C. Sturtevant,,S.A.Davenport,and M.B.Williams,of Pa. united in endorsing Mr. Brady as a proper person to be appointed Governor of Alaska, and are sure that in his selection the President will not be disappointed.

F. M. Baker, Treasurer of a Seattle Hardware Company, writes to Dr. Sheldon Jackson in behalf of Mr. Brady and believes he would make the best Governor for the Territory.

Woman's Am.Baptist Home Mission Society:- signed by the President of the Society, the Cor.Sec.,Treasurer and Supt.Alaska Div. state that they heartily unite with others in commending to the confidence of the President Mr. Brady of Sitka for Governor. That as a leading republican, a law and order man, an old resident of the Territory, and a man of the highest honor and integrity he is the man to promote the best interests of Alaska; and if appointed will encourage their missionary work in that country.

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church:- recommend the appointment of Mr. Brady, as one who will reflect honor and be for the best interests of the country. That while other candidates are presented, they believe the one who will best subserve the interests of the Territory should be appointed,and that Mr. Brady is the right man for the place. In all of which Bishop Jno. F. Hurst concurs.

April 9 7.

Mr. Edward Marsden,

Lane Theological Seminary,

Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Friend:

Your letters are received. I have already written to Haines but the letter probably reached there after the answer was written to your letter. Mrs. Johhn F. Pingree of New York had also written on the subject but her letter had not been received when Miss Willard's letter to you was written. Of course I am very glad to do what I can to assist. They spoke to me in New York about your wish to go as superintendent of the Sitka school. Of course there is no saying what the Board will do hereafter, but it is proper for me to be frank with you and say that there is no present probability of your being appointed superintendent of that school when you first go to Alaska. Those that have the appointment are very positive in their assertion to me on this subject. So that I think you had better dismiss it from your mind.

I expect to be at the next General Assembly in Central Indiana and it may be that I shall see you there.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson.

April 10 7

Mr. Warren Upham,

Minnesota Historical Society,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

It gives me much pleasure to send you a small package of reports. There will be others from time to time.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 10 '7.

Rev. S. C. Dickey, D. D.,

Eagle Lake, near Warsaw, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Please reserve for me a pleasant room at one of the Hotels at Winona Assembly grounds during the coming ~~of the~~ General Assembly, to which I am a commissioner. I would like my room on the second floor (not higher). Hoping that we may have a full and profitable meeting, I remain

Very respectfully yours.

Sheldon Jackson

April 10 7.

Rev. R. G. McNiece, D.D.,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Brother:

In drawing up plans for the college buildings allow me to suggest that there should be no wing or ell to the main building, unless it is made only one room deep. One great advantage that you have at Salt Lake City for an institution is your wonderful climate, and the climate is largely helped by the sunshine. In the erection of college buildings there ought to be no room that is not accessible to the sunshine. I would therefore suggest that the buildings run lengthwise, north and south. I think that the land lies in that direction facing the west; ~~—t~~ this will give a morning sun in the rooms at the rear of the building and an afternoon sun in the front rooms. This seems to me exceedingly important.

I enclose you a little plan that may be suggestive to the architect when he comes to plan for a dormitory. You will notice that two students are expected to occupy a common study room with a separate bed-room and closet for each of the two pupils. That is the latest plan that is being adopted in recent and modern buildings. (Encl.)

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 10 7

Mr. E. B. Critchlow,

305 Atlas Block,

Salt Lake City, Utah.,

Dear Sir:

Yours with papers is received. General Eaton and myself will confer about the seal. We will also both assist you all we can, when you get ready to apply for the district attorneyship. I received the impression that one of the trustees had recently died, if there is a vacancy please keep it open for a man from New York City. General Eaton and myself are making inquiries for the right kind of a man.

Yours very truly,

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Apr 12th /

To the President-

Sir

I have already endorsed Mr E. Otis. Smith Proprietor and Editor of the Alaskan (published at Sitka Alaska) for appointment as United States Commissioner at Sitka Alaska in place of R. C. Rogers. time expired and as a resident of Alaska Mr Smith is my first Choice

If however Mr Smith can not secure the place I believe that Mr Chas H Isham would make an efficient Commissioner and hereby endorse him as my second Choice

Very Respectfully Yours
Sheldon Jackson

April 12th 7.

To the President.

Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully call your attention to, and urge the appointment of the Hon. John Eaton LL.D., Ex-United States Commissioner of Education, on the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, known as the Dawes Commission.

I have personally known Gen. Eaton many years, and know him to be the best informed man, or any one I meet, on the conditions existing among the five civilized tribes.

Thirty-nine years ago I was a missionary among them and have ever since kept a lively interest in their progress and welfare.

The interests of both the Government and of the Indians call for the services of such men as General Eaton.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Sheldon Jackson

Inclosure

April 16 7.

Mrs. F. H. Pierson,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Madam:

Yours of April 14th was awaiting my return to Washington. I think that I answered your questions, but lest I failed to do so will now say, that it will give me pleasure to make an address at your Friday meeting, May 21st. General Eaton will be at Winona also and will gladly speak on Mormonism May 23d, or any time you may wish him. Mr. Brady will at that time be at his home in Sitka Alaska.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 16 7.

Mr. Warren Upham,

Minnesota Historical Society,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Yours of April 13th is received and I will be very glad for any and all Minnesota public reports which you may be able to send me, no matter how dry or apparently unimportant.

I expect to give my library, when I am through with it, to the "Sheldon Jackson College" which is being established at Salt Lake City. It is a non-sectarian institution on a Christian basis and has the only public library in Utah that is not under the control of the Mormons. It will be the library for the Gentiles and non-Mormon of that section. By the way it might be as well for you to send them direct to Salt Lake City instead of sending them to me. Address 'Library of Sheldon Jackson College, care of Rev. R.G.McNiece D.D., Salt Lake City, Utah.'

Since sending you the package the other day the Report for '96 has come in, a copy of which I send you. Have you in your collection a historical sketch of the Presbyterian Church in Minnesota, published by Rev. R.B.Abbott,D.D., Albert Lea, Minnesota? It is a pamphlet sketch of the history of the Synod of Minnesota, printed a

number of yea[illegible] ago. If you have n't it I will let you have mine. I have in my [illegible]fice library a copy of the Greenland Ice Fields, which I have [illegible]joyed very much the little that I have had time to read.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 16 7.

Mrs. Maggie J. McFarland,

1418 Broadway, Alameda, California.

My dear Mrs. McFarland:

Yours of April 7th is received and in reply I return you your Niece's letter as you request. Under the circumstances it would give me great pleasure to appoint your Niece as teacher at Hoonah for a year that you might have another rest; but unfortunately it is out of my power. The Hoonah school has been placed, as I have previously written you, on the civil service list, and I have no longer any power of filling the school.

To secure a teacher in your place I would have to apply to the Civil Service Commission and they would send me three names from which I should select one; so that I cannot assure any friend or any person that I know to be a capital teacher that they will succeed. Hereafter I will have practically no power whatever with regard to the appointment of teachers in Southeast Alaska. The only way that I can think of for you to keep your place there and yet get your vacation will be to leave the school vacant another year and yet it seems too bad to do that. Let me hear from you what you think about it.

Very respectfully yours,

Marion Jackson

1 enclosure.

Washington D.C.
April 16. 1897

To the Honorable
The Attorney General
Washington D.C.

Sir

I enclose you by request for filing in your Department some endorsements recommending Mr Wm A. Kelly of Alaska as a suitable candidate as U.S. Marshall of the District of Alaska. Be so kind as to have these papers placed with the others on file in your office for Mr Kelly.

Also an endorsement for Mr John E. Reid of Alaska for position of U.S. District Attorney

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington, D. C., April 11, 1907.

Mr. F. E. West,

Sir:-

In accordance with your request, I send you a statement concerning Mr. Charles S. Johnson, an applicant for the position of Collector of Customs at Sitka, Alaska.

I have personally known Mr. Johnson for the seven or eight years he has been a resident of Alaska, and have a good opinion of his ability as a lawyer, his efficiency as a public officer, and his integrity as a man.

I must however, say frankly that I have heard at different times of his having been with other government officials on drinking sprees. I do not know this to be the case from personal observation.

However, he gives us his word that he has given up frequenting saloons and will not in the future give his friends occasion to be ashamed of his conduct. Observing this pledge, I believe he will make a good Collector, and I have endorsed him for that position.

Very truly yours,

Wheeler Peckham

WHEREAS, SHELDON JACKSON has agreed to donate toward the endowment of SHELDON JACKSON COLLEGE, A Corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of Utah, certain real estate, upon condition,-

First,- "That the Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament shall forever be used as a Texk Book in the institution of learning to be established and carried on by this Corporation, and course of instruction therein shall be made a part of the curriculum of studies of said institution and no by-law or rule of the Board of Trustees or of the faculty of the College shall be promulgated or enforced, which shall in any manner interfere with the time allotted to this course of instruction.-

2.- That the College shall never be alienated from the work and the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, as set forth in the standards of said Church.-

3d.- That the said College shall be named and always continue to be named SHELDON JACKSON COLLEGE.-

4.- That upon breach of any one of the aforesaid conditions, the title of said SHELDON JACKSON COLLEGE shall utterly cease and determine and shall thereupon immediately vest in The Presbyterian Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies," a Corporation and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and

WHEREAS,- the said SHELDON JACKSON is about to execute a deed conveying the following real estate in the District of Columbia, to wit:-

All of Original Lots numbered Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27), and Twenty-eight (28), in Square numbered Ten hundred and forty-eight (1048), in the City of Washington in said District, and also:-

Lots Eight (8), and Nine (9), of Richard E. Pairo's Subdivision of part of the tract of Land known as "ROSEMOUNT" in the County of Washington, District of Columbia, as said Subdivision is recorded in the Surveyor's office for said District in Book County No. 6, page 78, to said SHELDON JACKSON COLLEGE upon the conditions hereinbefore set forth.

NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION OF SUCH DONATION, the said SHELDON JACKSON COLLEGE does hereby accept said donation upon the aforesaid conditions, and covenants, promises and agrees to and with the said SHELDON JACKSON, his Executors, administrators and assigns, that it and its successors will forever fully observe and keep the said conditions and each and every of them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said SHELDON JACKSON COLLEGE has caused these presents to be signed in its corporate name by its President, attested by its Secretary, and its Corporate seal to be hereunto affixed this 5th day of April A.D. 1897.

SHELDON JACKSON COLLEGE,-
By,-
(signed) R. G. McNiece,
President.

Attest,-
(signed) Josiah McClain,
Secretary.

Washington D.C. April 5th 7

Dear Bro McKean.

When convenient I will
[illegible] Bro McClain would be before the
[illegible] Court* And then acknowledge your
Signature to the enclosed instrument & then
transmit to me.

You have not directed me to send
books in the future for the Colored Sch[illegible]
We are pushing our work, & [illegible]
We desire to [illegible]
Church -

[illegible]

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be necessary to be [illegible] the Court
to [illegible]

Washington D.C. April 20th 97

Mr W. D. Wood

P.O. Box 73. Seattle Wash.

Dear Sir

Your Statement of Taxes for 1896 is received and I forward you my Check for $24.98. being $23.98 for taxes on the Lots securing loan of "Green Lake Home Building & Guarantee Co" and your fee of $1.

Witt regard to Lot 5. Block 52 of A.A. Denny's 6th Addition securing the Stone & Leddy loan I wish you would look up the matter in accordance with your letter to me dated Jan 20 1897.

In the Mortgage of Carliss P Stone & wife and James Leddy & wife occurs this Clause "~~as well as all payments~~ Speaking of expenses of foreclosure suit" Shall be taxed as part of the Costs in such suit.) as well as all payments that the said party of the second part, his heirs Executors, Administrators, or assigns may be obliged to make for them or their security by insurance

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or on account of any taxes, charges, incumbrances, or assessments whatsoever on the said premises or any part thereof."

In your letter of Jan 26th 1897 you write "If I can render you any service in this matter (The taxes on Lot 5 Blk 52 A.A. Denny's 6th add &c) either as attorney or otherwise, I will be glad to do so and let you apply my charges on account of the interest due you from the Green Lake Terrace Building & Guarantee Co"

That is what I want you to do.

1st Ascertain whether, if I pay all back taxes & assessments &c against Blk 52 Lot 5 A.A. Denny's 6th Add, the money so paid becomes an additional lien on the property.

2nd If so, ascertain all back indebtedness that we have the amount and I will remit to you in time to pay taxes &c before May 31st.

3rd If the taxes do not become an additional lien on property, had I better buy up the tax receipts or foreclose Mortgage?

4th If it is best to foreclose Mortgage, have it bid in sufficient low, that the ballance of the indebtedness not covered by the sale can be obtained from Mrs Stone & Wade -

Please look into the matter, and if you decide that I am safe in squaring up the taxes &c. Please let me know how much I shall send and I will remit at once

Very Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

April 26 97.

Rev. Teunis Hamlin, D.D.,

1206 Connecticut Avenue,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Pastor:

When convenient please extend to our people my thanks for the generous supply of magazines and papers to be sent to the schools and missions in Arctic Alaska. They have been assorted and are now on their way to that distant region, where I trust they may bring much cheer and comfort during the next long winter night.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 26 7.

Rev. Joseph T. Kelly, D.D.,

519 Fourth Street, N.W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please extend to your people my thanks for the generous supply of magazines sent for the missions and schools in the Arctic. They are already on their journey to bring cheer and comfort to the teachers and missionaries in that secluded corner of the world.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 26 7.

Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D.D.,
1200 K Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Please extend to your people my thanks for the generous supply of magazines sent for the missions and schools in the Arctic. They are already on their journey to bring cheer and profit to the teachers and missionaries in that secluded corner of the world.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 26 7.

Rev. George O. Little,, D.D.,

216 I Street, N.W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please extend to your people my thanks for the generous supply of magazines sent for the missions and schools in the Arctic. They are already on their journey to bring cheer and profit to the teachers and missionaries in that secluded corner of the world.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 26 7.

Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard,

2 West 52d Street,

New York City.

My dear Mrs. Shepard:

I greatly regret to be compelled to write you that Mrs. Margaret Wade, whom we had selected to send to Point Barrow with Mr. & Mrs. Marsh, has failed us. It seems that she has changed her religious views and adopted, as far as I can make out, the religious views of what is known as 'Plymouth Brethren.' In substance she does not think that denominational divisions are right and is unwilling to be employed by any mission board of any church; she takes the ground that if the Lord wishes her to go anywhere he will provide the funds independent of church relations. Of course under the circumstances she would not accept the appointment which was made promptly by the Woman's Executive Committee, and under the circumstances it does not seem best to send her. As the time is now so short I think it best not to try to secure any one for this season, but accept it as an indication of God's providence that Mr. & Mrs. Marsh are to go alone.

This change in Mrs. Wade's views is a very great trial to me as I considered her one of the most efficient missionaries with whom I have had experience.

In balancing up my accounts preparatory to going off to Alaska I find $74.00 against Olga Hilton for board bills paid last spring while she was at the Pratt Training School. Miss Petty wrote me that her money was exhausted and wanted to know what we were to do to keep Olga through the term while you were in Europe. Whereupon I advanced the money myself and enclose you Olga's receipts. If you feel disposed to send me a check for the same I will be much obliged; but if it is not convenient to do so let it go.

If trials and sorrows , as we are taught in God's Word, are a preparation for great blessings, what joy must be in store for you. Some of your friends remember you constantly at the throne of grace that you may be sustained under repeated sorrows.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Washington DC. April 27 /7

To Treasurer
City of Seattle. Wash.

Dear Sir

I have in my possession Seattle Street Improvement Company bonds - $828.12/100
No 2559. Ordinance No 1909 (Market St)
Nos 1310 - 1312 to 1327 inclusive (Cedar St) with exception of 1323 & 1325.

Please write me if it is probable that any of them can be paid by June 5th, when I expect to be in Seattle. Also which Nos I had better bring with me.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

April 27 7.

Miss Mary L. Kennedy,

46 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Friend:

I called on Rhode Island Avenue the afternoon of the same day in which you left the city. The week before I was called to New England for a missionary address and had been out of the city; so that I failed to see you. I hope that you have entirely recovered from your cold and are yourself again.

One of our most urgent needs for money in Alaska this year is for a church building at Juneau for the white congregation, the Pastor being the Rev. James H. Condit, a most excellent man who is doing a very efficient and self-denying work in that godless community. As you know, Juneau is one of the most wicked places in Alaska; the population is largely made up of a rough class of miners; whisky saloons abound in defiance of law, and it requires very great self-denial and courage for a Christian minister to be willing to live and work in the place. Mr. Condit has the consecration to do that, but his troubles are greatly added to by the want of a comfortable room for Divine worship. He is now worship-

ing in the log church which is a small room with low ceiling, built for a carpenter's shop. Any portion of the Lord's fund which you have and can spare, if sent there will accomplish great good. You can either send a check to me at Washington, or direct to Rev. James H. Condit, Juneau, Alaska, whichever you prefer, and you will receive a good letter of acknowledgement from Mr. Condit. This is just now the most pressing need that we have in that section of the country.

Please remember me very kindly to Mr. & Mrs. Wetmore when you see them.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

If there is anything I can procure for you in Alaska, that you would like, do not hesitate to write me.

April 27 7.

Rev. D. J. McMillan, D.D.,

Secretary Home Missions,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Brother:

Much obliged for yours of April 26th. Can you have a clerk look up and prepare the following statistics for me? Ascertain the amount contributed for home missions; also for foreign missions (separate) by the Churches, both Old and New School, west of the Mississippi River, in the year 1858. Also give me the statistics of the same region of country for the same boards in 1896: By these years I mean the fiscal years closing in April or May. Also ascertain if possible the number of Presbyterian Churches and Ministers on that field (look) in 1858 and 1896; also, if there is any way of getting at it, the number of foreign missionaries that have been sent out by the foreign board from that same region.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 27 7

Rev. W. A. Major,

417 Temperance Street,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Much obliged for yours of April 21st.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 27 7.

Miss S. Mabel Bigelow,
3014 Buchanan Street,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Friend:

Yours of April 19th is received. If you can give me an approximate date in October for your Synodical meeting it will be more satisfactory. The statement about 'the middle of October' is too indefinite for me to form any plans. It is quite probable that I may be able to attend your meeting.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 27 7.

Mr. William A. Kelly,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Please send us a written statement of what you stated to us orally with regard to some complaints on the part of citizens of Juneau that Mr. Kellar had somewhat lost his interest in the school and had neglected his school duties; also the statement that you made us that Mr. Kellar had notified you that he did not expect to teach next year, or did not wish the school.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Hr Hjalmar Borgevinske
Alten
Vest-Finmarken
Norway

Johan Persøn Rist-
Kautokeino
Finmarken
Norway

Otto D. Adler
Den Nordenfjeldske Kredit-bank
Throndhjem
Norway

Mrs Helen Sinclair Robinson
Makaweli. Kauai
Hawaiian Islands

Reindeer Rep. 96 Fent.

April 30 7.

Mr. William F. Doty,

59 Brown's Hall,

Princeton, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 20th instant is received. You are misinformed with regard to my being allowed a clerk during my summer work in Alaska. I have always gone alone and done without help.

I regret that there is no place I can offer you. A place on a ranche in Texas would be very valuable to you, but why not try and find a place on a farm in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, or New York? That will save large traveling expense for your Mother, and accomplish just as much for you. If Dr. Cuyler would introduce a clause into one of his newspaper letters stating that there was a candidate for the ministry that needed a year's rest from mental labor but was in a position at least to do sufficient work to pay for his board and keeping, you might secure a dozen good offers. There are many families in the Church who would be very glad to take you in for a year, but who they are, we do not know and I do not know of any way of finding out except through the press.

I would like very much to come to the Commencement next week

but am too busy with getting ready to go to Alaska.

Wishing you success in your efforts, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

April 30 7.

Hon. George C. Perkins,

United States Senate,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I value so highly your good opinion of my trustworthiness that I am unwilling to allow the endorsement of Mr. C.S. Johnson of Alaska for Collector of Alaska to pass unexplained. I would not have endorsed him in any form had it not been for the attempt that was made to unite all the interests of that country, and when he recalled his papers for the governorship ~~that he wanted~~ in the interest of peace and harmony, I felt called upon to go as far as I could in helping him. At the same time, in my endorsement I stated the matter of his occasional drinking. I did this with his knowledge, for when he applied to me I told him frankly that if I wrote a letter I must mention his former habits. The letter took the form of being addressed to Mr. F. B. Weare, a personal and intimate friend of Secretary Gage, and I have since heard from Mr. Weare that the letter was forwarded to Mr. Gage as was expected at the time of its writing.

I call your attention to the letter, a copy of which I enclose

~~I am told that Mr. Curtis was yesterday nominated for the po-~~

~~sition.~~

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

1 enclosure.

(COPY)

Washington, D. C., April 19, 1897.

Mr. P. B. Weare,

Sir:-

In accordance with your request, I send you a statement concerning Mr. Charles S. Johnson, an applicant for the position of Collector of Customs at Sitka, Alaska.

I have personally known Mr. Johnson for the seven or eight years he has been a resident of Alaska, and have a good opinion of his ability as a lawyer, his efficiency as a public officer, and his integrity as a man.

I must however, say frankly that I have heard at different times of his having been with other government officials on drinking sprees. I do not know this to be the case from personal observation.

However, he gives me his word that he has given up frequenting saloons and will not in the future give his friends occasion to be ashamed of his conduct. Observing this pledge, I believe he will make a good Collector, and I have endorsed him for that position.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Sheldon Jackson.

May 3 7.

Mr. John W. Kelly,

Russ House, San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir;

Your letter of April 26th is received, but as we have received later telegrams from you we understand the situation. I have asked the Swedish Evangelical Mission people in Chicago to send you an order on Mr. Wood to procure from him the missionary boxes which they had sent to his care. They are for the stations at Unalaklik and Golloyid Bay. When you receive the order please take charge of their freight for them and have the same sent with the supplies which the Smiths' Cash Store are providing for those missions. I would also suggest that you place yourself in correspondence with T. H. Camack, Whittier, California. Mr. Camack is the committee of the Quaker Church in that region who are talking of sending a couple of missionaries with supplies to Kotzebue Sound, and they would also like to go on the same vessel that takes our supplies.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 3 7

Mr. E. Otis Smith,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Yours of April 20th is received; also enclosures for the President, which it will give me pleasure to turn in to him.

Mr. Woodward is an applicant for the Collectorship at Sitka and not for the Commissionership; but I do not think he stands any chance for either position. I think that your prediction of last winter, that Mr. Brady will be the next Governor will come true; but it will be only after a desperate fight; the offices are so few that there is a very determined contest for them.

Mr. Hamilton joins me in kind regards to Mrs. Smith and yourself.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 3 7.

Mr. J. G. Heid,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 23d, with endorsements, is received, and it will give me pleasure to file the endorsements with the Attorney-General, as I did the former ones; or I may hand them to Mr. Johnson to file for me.

The political pot is boiling violently. I think that Mr. Brady will secure the Governorship, but it will only be after a very hard fight.

I expect to leave early in June on the N.A.T. & T. Company's steamship direct for Unalaska and St. Michael; will go up the Yukon river this season.

Mr. Hamilton joins me in kind regards to yourself and wife.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 3 7.

Woman's Executive Committee,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Friends:

Please send me a half dozen copies of the Mormon Number of the Home Missionary. You have probably heard that Miss Perley died last Thursday. She will be a great loss to our Utah work. The Physician that attended her at the Hospital said that they had never had a patient that so impressed the attendants with spirituality and lovely Christian character as Miss Perley.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 3 7.

Rev. A. E. Austin, D.D.,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Austin:

Yours of April 20th is received, and I am in full sympathy in all you say about the U.S.Commissionership at Sitka. While my position here does not allow me to canvass in the matter, yet you may be sure I will give Mr. Smith all the backing that I can.

I think that Mr. Brady will have to take an active lead in the matter.

Mr. Hamilton joins me in kind regards to Mrs. Austin.

I think that Mr. Brady stands a good chance for the Governorship, but there is a desperate contest over all the leading offices

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 3 7.

Mr. F. E. Probese,

Industrial School,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In looking over my papers I have come across the enclosed papers, which you entrusted to me some time ago, and which I now return to you as of more value to you than to me.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Enclosures:

May 3 7.

Miss E. Tuckerman,

1600 I Street, N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Yours of May 1st, with check for Fifty Dollars ($50) for curios from Alaska is received. I notice what you say with regard to your preferences and it will give me pleasure to comply with them to the best of my ability.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 3 7.

Hon. John G. Brady,

Care of E. K. Martin,

280 Broadway, New York City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of May 1st is received and I return you the petition signed by General Eaton. As you know, I would gladly sign it but being a government official it is not proper for me to sign it,---but you will understand that my heart is with you just the same.

Both General Eaton and myself think it important that you should go to Boston and find out all you can about the fishery business and make as many friends as you can in that business. It may be you will strike some Yale men over there who will sign your petition.

The Alaska mail has come in this morning but I presume your wife's letters have gone to Western Pennsylvania again. I forward you letters from (Keller, Juneau,) the (Chatauquan,) and one from (Princeton.) V Murray.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Enclosures.

May 3 7.

Mrs. R. A. Charles,

Care of Mr. R. A. Charles,

Internal Revenue Division,

Treasury Department, City.

My dear Madam:

The Honorable John Eaton, LL.D., and myself had made all arrangements to be at Miss Perley's funeral on Saturday afternoon but were prevented by the storm. We are both recovering from the "grippe" and felt it to be unsafe to venture out in the storm.

We greatly regret that we were thus prevented from giving loving tribute to the memory of your departed Sister. Her work in Utah and in behalf of Utah throughout the East had greatly endeared her to many hearts. I know of several ladies in the city who had also intended going to the funeral but were likewise prevented by the storm.

Praying that the Lord may comfort you and yours, I remain

Very respectfully your friend,

Sheldon Jackson

May 4 .7.

The Church at Home and Abroad,

1334 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Doctors Nelson & Robinson:

Dear Brethren:

Can you send me a copy of the "Church at Home & Abroad" for March 1895? It is No. 99 in your series.

I am trying to complete the volume for binding, and think that I have a complete set from the beginning.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 4 7.

Mrs. W. A. McGrier,

76 St. James Place,

Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Madam:

Yours of the first instant is received. I regret that we have no fresh facts concerning Mormonism to communicate. Commencing with December second, 1896, General Eaton published a series of letters on the present aspect of Mormonism in the Christian Herald, published at the Bible House, New York City. By sending to them you could probably secure the back copies containing the articles on Mormonism. They are very full and complete. We had hoped that the Herald would throw them into a pamphlet form for distribution, but they have not done so. At the rooms of the Woman's Executive Committee, New York, you know, are a number of good leaflets on the Mormon question.

Other than these I regret to say we are unable to help you.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 4 7.

Miss Mary L. Kennedy,
46 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Kennedy:

Since writing you a few days ago concerning the need of help to erect a church at Juneau, Alaska, I have received a circular from Brother Condit, which I enclose to you. I consider the erection of this church the most urgent necessity of the Alaska Work for this coming summer and hope that you may be so situated that you can give liberal help either through myself or directly to Mr. Condit.

Hoping that you have entirely recovered from the "grippe" I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

1 enclosure.

May 5 7.

Hon. Ben Cable,

University Club,

New York City.

My dear Sir:

Can you not go with me this year to Alaska? I expect to sail from Seattle on the steamship "Portland" June 10th direct for Unalaska, Aleutian Islands. Stopping a day or two at Unalaska. The vessel will proceed to St. Michael on the northern coast of Bering Sea; there we transfer to a stern-wheel steamer for the Yukon river which will take us entirely through the center of Alaska into Canada, 2,000 miles up the river; ~~there~~ this will bring us into contact with the American villages springing up in connection with the newly found Yukon river gold placer mines. Then you can organize a hunting party into Canada and return up the McKenzie river with the annual trip of the Hudson Bay Company's employes crossing the continent to Winnipeg, and so on down to St. Paul and home. Or you can return with me down the Yukon river to its mouth, where the Revenue Cutter "Bear" will be waiting to take us to the Reindeer Stations, and also to Siberia on its way south to the Aleutian Islands and so on home in October.

Now can you find a more captivating trip for a man like yourself, who likes to get out of the beaten routes of travel?

Kind remembrances to Mrs. Cable and the children.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 5 7.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your request I send you some account of my early experiences in Montana at the time of the organization of the Presbyterian Church at Bozeman.

In May 1872 the Rev. J. R. Russell, Rev. William S. Frackelton and myself took the stage at Corrinne, Utah, for Helena, Montana. After reaching Beaver Head we found bridges gone and every ravine usually dry a roaring mountain torrent, high water everywhere. At length, two or three days later we reached Helena. Leaving Mr. Russell at Helena Mr. Frackelton and myself took the coach at 3 o'clock in the morning from Helena for Bozeman. At Gallatin City I stopped off to reconnoitre the land at the crossing while Mr. Frackelton continued on to Bozeman. On Thursday May 30th two printed posters were put up in different parts of the village and on fence posts along the road leading to the country. A boy was started out on horseback to notify all the ranchemen in that section that there would be preaching that evening in Gallatin City. A congregation of fifty were gathered together and among them were five communicants of Presbyterian Churches in other parts of the country, in-

cluding Mr. Isaac A. Dick, who had also been a ruling elder in the States. This small company were organized into a Presbyterian Church and Mr. Dick was duly elected and installed ruling elder. The next morning leaving my satchel to come by stage I started on foot and walked to Hamilton, about 18 miles, if I remember right, in order to have a little time to look around that neighborhood before the arrival of the stage for Bozeman. This I succeeded in doing andarrangements were made for a preaching on the following Monday evening. Late in the afternoon the Helena stage came along and I took passage for Bozeman. Owing to the high water and consequent bad roads in places, we did not reach Bozeman until towards morning. The following Sabbath, June 2nd, divine service was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, which had been kindly offered for our use. Although the day was ushered in with a cold drizzling rain yet a goodly audience gathered together to hear preaching, after which the Presbyterian Church was organized with Mr. J. H. Taylor as ruling elder. In the evening service, which was also conducted by myself, Mr. Taylor was ordained and installed ruling elder and the ordinance of baptism was administered to Miss M. J. Davis, who united with the Church upon her profession of faith.

On Monday, June 3rd, in company with Mr. Frackelton we went down the East Gallatin Creek to the ranche of Judge Street where divine service was held and the Church of Hamilton organized with J. J. Davidson as ruling elder. Owing to the swollen condition

of the stream preventing fording, Mr. Davidson was compelled to go a long way around. leaving him at half past two in the morning to enable him to reach divine service at 11 o'clock.

Resuming the coach at 2 o'clock on Tuesday morning and riding through the overflowed bottom lands, once or twice swimming the horses, we reached the crossing of the Madison for breakfast,--- and a sorry breakfast it was: the landlord was absent from home and the landlady had been drunk all the preceding night. Soon after leaving the breakfast station a horseman galloped up announcing that both the bridge and ferry had been washed away. By making a long detour we were able to reach Virginia City that night.

On Wednesday night, June 5th a small church was organized at Virginia City with William H. Rodgers as ruling elder. Being disappointed in securing a regular minister for that section of the territory the church eventually died out. From Virginia City, crossing over to Deer Lodge a church was organized on the following Sabbath, June 9th, with Thomas Aspling and J. E. Smith ruling elders. From Deer Lodge I took the stage to Missoula where the commencement of a church was made with J. W. Cunningham ruling elder. Failing to secure for the place a minister that church also died out and had to be afterwards re-organized. Upon my return, taking the stage at 3 o'clock in the morning at Missoula I reached Deer Lodge at 8 o'clock in the evening, arriving at the Hotel I was informed by a committee that they had made an appointment for me to preach

at the Courthouse that evening. Without waiting to wash off the dust of the long stage rideor could get supper, I at once went to the Courthouse and preached. The next morning at 6 o'clock I was again in the stage en route over the Divide to Helena, where on June 16th the Presbyterian Church, which had been organized by myself in 1869, had, like others, lapsed for want of a missionary, was re-organized with John E. Pyle and A. T. Williams ruling elders At 8 o'clock on the 17th of June, in the Courthouse at Helena, by order ofthe General Assembly Messrs. Frackelton and Russell and Elder Williams and myself, met to organize the Presbyterian Church of Montana, the sermon being preached by myself. The business sessions of the Presbytery on the following days were held in my bed room at the International Hotel. At the close of the Presbytey a reception was given to the members of the Presbytery and the Church at Helena at the residence of Hon. R. E. Fiske, Editor of the Helena Herald.

Hoping that you may have a pleasant time at your Twenty-fifth Anniversary, and the Church be encouraged to take hold of thework of evangelizing Montana with increased vigor and zeal, I rmain,

Very respectfully yours,

May 7 7.

To the Honorable

The Secretary of Agriculture.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of April 30th appointing me as a Special Agent to make certain inquiries concerning the agricultural and horticultural possibilities of the Yukon Valley, and enclosing various circulars for information,&c.&c.

Permit me in reply to write,that it will give me very great pleasure to carry out your wishes in the matter to the best of my Ability, and report upon the same next fall.

I think that I understand the enclosed blanks,&c.

If you should wish specimens of the fruits, roots, etc. gathered and preserved in alcohol, also specimens of soil, you will be so kind as to direct that the necessary bottles for the fruits,and cases for the soils,be provided.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

May 7 7.

Rev. John L. Withrow, D.D.,

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Doctor Withrow,

I find by the papers, and correspondence from personal friends, that some of them are pushing my name for the Moderatorship of the next Assembly. If their wishes are fulfilled I shall want the privilege of leaning upon and consulting you freely. Your experience and success last year has given you a knowledge of affairs that will be very serviceable to your successor, and I thus early bespeak your interest in the matter. If another Brother is placed in the position I doubt not he will feel just as I do about it.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 7 7.

Hon. James Wilson,

Secretary of Agriculture.

My dear Sir:

It was a great gratification to me to read last Sabbath in the "Church at Home and Abroad" that you were a Ruling Elder in our Presbyterian Church, and had been Moderator of your Presbytery. I send you a marked copy of the Review of Reviews giving an abstract of my work in the far West. I think that you will be interested in looking it over some evening at home. This additional bond of union between us will I doubt not cause you to take a deeper interest in the official care of Alaska, the population of which is so largely composed of native races. Any improvements that can be made in an agricultural and horticultural line will benefit the natives as well as the white settlers.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. May 8th 7

Northwestern Investment Co

Endicott Bldg St Paul Minn

Dear Sirs

Yours of May 5th Containing my Account up to April 1st, Also Check on New York for $91.10 is received with thank Have not yet had time to go over the Account Will send you money for taxes, as soon as the Amount is received -

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

May 7 7.

Mr. H. C. Olin,

Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Sir:

Yours of May 5th with regard to Mr. Arthur English is received. I went this morning to the Lincoln National Bank and saw Mr. Stier, who gives Mr. English a first-class recommendation. I then concluded to go and see some parties to whom he had not referred us. I went to a prominent business man who has been here for years and knows all the leading men and their standing, and he told me not to have anything to do with him. I went to the Interior Department and saw the Chief Clerk and he smiled and said nothing. There is,however,no need of haste in the matter. If I understand the drift of his letter he wants the Board to engage him to lobby a bill through Congress, giving you a title to the mission lands in Alaska. When this is done it is the business of all the missionary societies to combine in the effort; for one denomination to do it alone will excite a great deal of unfavorable comment from the newspapers. Nothing can be done in the matter at this extra session of Congress, consequently I will have an

opportunity of talking with you on the subject at the General Assembly. Please place it upon your memoranda as one of the matters to confer about.

Very respectfully yours,

Helen Jackson

May 10 7.

To The President,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

It affords me great satisfaction to commend to you Mr. E. Otis Smith for appointment as United States Commissioner at Sitka, Alaska.

Mr. Smith has been a resident of Alaska for several years, is Editor and Proprietor of the "Alaskan", which is the only paper published at Sitka, the Capital of the Territory; and is also the oldest and the leading paper of the Territory.

Mr. Smith has the qualifications and integrity to make a good Commissioner. For the last eight years the office has been administered in the interest of the saloon men, greatly to the detriment of the public interest. It has also been very oppressive and unjust on the native population and a discredit to the two previous administrations.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education for Alaska

May 11 7.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D.,LL.D.,

1334 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Roberts:

One of the leading Ministers of Washington said to a friend of mine yesterday, "Has Jackson heard from Dr. Roberts? No man can secure the Moderatorship unless he has his good will." I remarked to that friend, 'That is good news for me as he has been a warm friend for a great many years and I know he will be glad to assist me as far as it is proper to do so.'

Joking aside, since the friends have been talking of me as a candidate for the moderatorship I have been thinking of writing you with reference to it. If by any chance the Commissioners should select me for that post I shall need your hearty cooperation and assistance in the discharge of the duties, as you have had such a long experience in the methods of the Assembly.

With kind regards to your family I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 10 7.

To the President,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I desire to commend to your most favorable consideration the Rev. J. L. French, who is an applicant for appointment as Clerk of the Court of Alaska.

I have known Mr. French for more than twenty years and take pleasure in stating that he is a man of the strictest integrity and the highest business qualifications.

He was for nearly twelve years Chief Clerk of the Contract Office of the Post Office Department and managed the large and important business of that office with great success and to the entire satisfaction of his superior officers.

He is an educated Christian gentleman and I am sure is entirely competent to fill with credit the office he seeks.

His influence and assistance would be most valuable in shaping the civilization and elevating the moral status of the people of this Territory.

It will be a help in every way to have such a man in this

position, and I earnestly hope you may find it possible to give Mr. French the appointment.

Very respectfully,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent &c.

May 12 7.

Miss Mary L. Kennedy,

46 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Miss Kennedy:

Yours of May 10th and May 11th, are received. The Revenue Cutter "Bear" started on the 5th but I go to the General Assembly this year and will not sail from Seattle until June 10th; I then proceed at once to Bering Sea where I meet the "Bear". I also expect this year to go up the Yukon River some 2,000 miles, on a small steamer.

I note what you say with regard to the Black Fox. I am not certain as to the price, but have an idea that they cost from $~~50~~ 100 to $~~150~~ apiece, even up in Central Alaska, and perhaps a choice one still more. Silver Grey foxes from $50 to $100. It will give me pleasure to try and get you one; but I would like to know how high you are willing to go. I wish you would place a limit on the price that you are willing to pay,--- it will be somewhat of a guide to me.

The two churches at Juneau concerning which you write, one is the native mission presided over by Rev.Mr.Jones,and the other is the mission to the white miners in charge of Rev.Jas.H.Condit. No one man could attend to the work for both races, and while money

is neededfor both missions, the mission to the whites is at the present time in the greater need. As I have already written to you, there is no more urgent need anywhere in Alaska in the mission work than the securing of a new building for the church to the miners. I am very sorry that the Boards are in so much trouble.

If you find yourself in circumstances to contribute in June, as you write, please send a check direct to Mr. Condit, Juneau, Alaska, as by that time I hope to be a thousand miles away at sea.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

May 12 7.

Miss Elizabeth A. Laburee,

Roselle, New Jersey.

Madam:

Yours of May 10th requesting information concerning Mrs. McFarland is received. In reply permit me to say that there is no systematic statement concerning her outside of my book printed in 1880, and an article concerning her work by myself and printed in the Presbyterian Encyclopaedia. Mrs. McFarland was transferred by the Board of Missions from Wrangel to Sitka at a time when the Girls' School at Wrangel and the Boys' School at Sitka were united. After spending a year or two at Sitka she was sent by the Woman's Executive Committee to Jackson among the Hydahs to establish a Girls' Home at that place. Partly on account of hard times, causing the Woman's Executive Committee to close the Home at Jackson for the present year, and partly on account of health Mrs. McFarland will at the close of her present year retire from active work. She is well along in years and crippled with rheumatism. She has done fearless and faithful work for many years and very justly enjoys the esteem and love of all God's people that are acquainted with her work.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 12 7.

Mr. P. B. Weare,

118 La Salle Street,

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Sir:

I congratulate you and the friends of Alaska on the fact that Congress yesterday granted four additional commissioners for Alaska and four additional deputy marshals. I presume one will be stationed at Chilcat, one near Forty-Mile, and one near Circle City, and one in Cooks Inlet.

This action was taken by the House of Representatives concurring in an amendment previously passed by the Senate, in the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill. It leaves the selection of places to the President.

I have taken the liberty of telegraphing you this news at your expense.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Now is your opportunity to select Commissioner or Commissioners for the Yukon that you can have confidence in.

May 14 7.

Mr. Edward Marsden,

Lane Seminary,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Edward:

I am very glad to hear that you passed successfully your examinations before the Presbytery and have been licensed to preach. Hope that you will find that your usefulness is greatly increased thereby.

Very truly yours,

L. Beecher

May 14 7.

The Honorable Second Assistant

Postmaster General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I learn from my correspondence that the people of Metlahkatla Alaska have asked for the establishment of a mail route from Saxman Tongas Narrows, to Metlahkatla, a distance of thirteen miles. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamers during the summer pass Saxman four or five times a month. Saxman is the nearest village on the steamer's route to Metlahkatla. A postoffice should be established at Saxman with James W. Young as Postmaster, and a side mail route established from Saxman to Metlahkatla. The people of Metlahkatla are so much interested in the matter that they would gladly take very low compensation in carrying the Mail for the facilities of a route.

I have been connected with Alaska missions and with the U.S. Government schools of Alaska for twenty years and I very earnestly endorse and press the justice of the establishment of this mail route. It should have been done several years ago.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent.

May 14 7.

Mr. J. H. Kidd,

[illegible]

Dear Sir:

[illegible] communications have been received and [illegible]. Yesterday Mr. Johnson was[illegible] here and I [illegible] your requirements to him as well.

[illegible] of his letter with regard to Mr. Keller is also received. [illegible] seems to be good for Collector of Customs. I [illegible] [illegible] giving out favorably.

Yours respectfully,

[illegible]

May 14 7.

Mr. J. H. Heid,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your several communications have been received and contents noted. Fortunately Mr. Johnson remains here and I have turned over your endorsements to him for filing. Yours of May 1st with regard to Mr. Keller is also received. Mr. Johnson's chances seem to be good for Collector of Customs. I hope your chances are also coming out favorably.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 14 7.

Miss Anna N. Benjamin,

281 Fourth Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Madam:

Yours of May 10th is received. I regret to say that I will be unable to loan you the drawings that you write for, until next winter. They were sent to Nashville, Tennessee, as a part of the school exhibit of the U. S. Bureau of Education. But if you will kindly write me with regard to it next November I will try and accommodate you.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 14 7.

Capt. R. H. Pratt, U.S.A.,

Indian School,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have arranged for the free transportation of two or three Aleute girls from Unalaska to Seattle. They are the girls from the Methodist School that I had expected to bring down last fall and for whom you had arranged transportation. If it is convenient either send me or send to Schwachbaker Brothers, Seattle, Washington, an order by which we can get transportation for the girls from Seattle to Carlisle. They will probably come down in July.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent.

May 14 7

Doctors Nelson & Robinson,

1334 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Many thanks for the March 1885 number of "The Church at Home and Abroad".

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 14 7.

Mrs. C. L. Roach,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

I neglected to mention in giving the size of the rollers from 6 to 10 inches in diameter that they should all be the same diameter, all six or 8 or 10, or whatsoever size they are made.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 14 7.

Mrs. J. C. Kingsland,

The Elsmere,

Washington, D. C.

Madam:

In response to your postal of the 13th instant, I would say that Mr. William Duncan has not yet reached the city and I do not know when he will be here.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 14 7.

Mrs. William Kjellman,

Mount Horeb, Wisconsin.

My dear Madam:

Yours of May 7th is received and it gives me pleasure to comply with your request and send you fifty dollars ($50.00) from your husband's salary.

Very respectfully yours,

Helen Jackson

Enclosure.

May 14 7.

Mr. E. A. McIlhenny,

Avery's Island, Iberia Parish,

Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Yours of May 7th is received. I have not yet received from Mr. Foster the 15 copies of your Pamphlet, but if they come it will give me pleasure to distribute them where I can secure the most attention to your request.

I leave the city on Tuesday next, for the West but a letter sent me as late as June 1st will reach me at Seattle, care of the Occidental Hotel. It gives me great pleasure to do what I can in your service.

Very respectfully yours,

A. Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent.

May 14 7.

To the Honorable the
Second Assistant Postmaster-General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit to you the request of the people at Hoonah, Alaska, for the establishment of a postoffice in that village. Having for twenty years been connected with the missions and U. S. Government schools in Alaska, I am familiar with the needs of that entire section and can cordially endorse the application of the people at that place for a postoffice and post route from Hoonah to Juneau, 55 miles. The U. S. Government maintains a school at that place and it would be a convenience and much assistance in our work to be able to communicate with the teachers with reasonable facility.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson
U. S. General Agent.

Enclosure

May 17 7

Mr. William A. Kelly,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I enclose you Mr. Weare's letter with regard to Frank N. Canton. If you are appointed Marshal I hope that you will feel your way clear to appoint Mr. Canton as Deputy at Circle City. Congress has voted 4 additional Commissionersand 4 additional deputy Marshals for Alaska, in order to supply the Yukon district. I have written Mr. Weare to apply to Marshal Williams and have Mr. Canton appointed right away, as Mr. Williams will probably continue in office until next winter or spring.

Mr. Brady's chances are still in the lead.

I leave tomorrow morning for the General Assembly.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure.

May 17 7.

Mr. E. Otis Smith,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Yours of May 5th is received. Mr. Brady is sitting at my side and I have turned over your letter to him.

I leave in the morning for General Assembly and Alaska. Hereafter you will please communicate with Mr. William Hamilton, who remains in the office.

Kind regards to your wife.

Very truly yours,

S. Hall Young

May 17 7.

Mr. P. B. Weare,

118 La Salle Street,

Chicago, Ills.

Dear Sir:

Yours of May 14th is received. I will write to-day to Kelly asking him as a personal favor to myself, if he secures the Marshalship to appoint Mr. Frank N. Canton Deputy Marshal at Circle City, and I have no doubt that he will honor the request. In the meantime had you not better write the present Marshal, L. L. Williams, and try and get Mr. Canton appointed by him. I understand that Mr. Williams has been promised that he will not be disturbed until the end of his term, which is sometime next February or March I think that he will be willing to appoint Mr. Canton and then Mr. Kelly can continue him in the place.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Jackson

May 17 7.

Rev. R. G. McNiece,

1248 Blaine Avenue,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Brother:

Yours of May 11th is received and contents read hastily. I am just closing up ready to start for the Assembly and will take your letter in my pocket to digest it on the way, when I will probably write you again.

The agreement of the Trustees which you sent came safely. I thank you for your kind wishes with regard to the Moderatorship. It looks now as though God intended to put me in that position; if I know my own heart the only interest that I have in the matter is to serve the Church and the increased influence for usefulness hereafter which the fact that I once occupied the position will give me. Both General Eaton and myself think that it will have a good effect on college matters. General Eaton left on Friday night and will be at Winona to-day.

Kind regards to Mrs. McNiece.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Clark

May 17 7.

Right Reverend Bishop John F. Hurst,

1701 Mass. Avenue, City.

My dear Sir:

When I reached Mr. Porter with your letter of introduction I found 39 Congressmen and others waiting to see the President, and shortly afterwards word was sent out that he could seeno one to-day as he was closeted with members of the Cabinet on important business. I greatly regret that I could not have had a few minutes interview with the President.

The sum and substance however of what I wished to say to him was this: In all the years since 1884, when the civil government was established in Alaska, we have failed to have a respectable set of public officials. There have always been some that were respectable but the controlling influence of the government officials in Alaska has been exceedingly bad; their conduct in drinking, gambling and in some instances immorality, have gone far to neutralize the work of the missionaries among the natives. This has gone on through successive administrations until many of us feel discouraged at making an effort to secure anything better, and I wanted to plead with Mr. McKinley to be very careful with regard

to the habits and moral character of the men that he shall select to administer the laws in Alaska.

Among the applicants for leading positions there are two for whom I can personally vouch, having known them intimately for years and watched them under many different conditions. One is John Green Brady, who is an applicant for the position of Governor; and the other is William A. Kelly, applicant for the United States Marshalship. The entire better element of Alaska, of all the Churches, and the respectable portion of those who are ~~known~~ non-church-goers, unite on these two men, and if the President sees fit to appoint them he will make no mistake.

With regard to other positions I hope that he will authorize the Secretary under whose administration the office may come, to make the most rigid inquiries with regard to the habits and moral character of the applicant.

I would like also to add that it seems to me important that the position of Governor should be filled at once. He is required by law to make an annual report to the Secretary of the Interior on the first of October. It is expected that needed legislation with regard to Alaska, that has been hanging fire for several years, will be called for from Congress this coming winter, and it is important that the incoming Governor should have his office sufficiently early to wisely mature the plans and recommendations which the

Department and Congress will expect from him.

I remain, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. General Agent.

November 11 7.

Mr. William H. Scott,

1211 Clover Street,

Pgiladelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Scott:

Your letter of November 9th is received, and it will give me very great pleasure to make an address before the Presbyterian Social Union on Monday evening, November 22nd. Subject Alaska: A trip to the Klondike and Yukon Gold Fields.

Permit me to suggest as a second speaker of the evening the Hon. John Eaton, LL.D.. He is thoroughly familiar with Alaska and could follow me on that same theme, if thought best. I think, however, it would be of more interest to the gentlemen assembled to hear him with regard to the present conditions existing in Utah. Grave questions are arising there that the American people must face, and I feel anxious that the class of mind which we expect to meet at the Union should have their attention called to this question in order that they may help manufacture public sentiment. General

Eaton as you know is one of the leading men of the United States since the rebellion, and while modest so that the public have not seen him in the papers much, he is a remarkable character whom you and your associates will be glad to know. His address is the Concord Flats, Washington, D.C.

I am very much obliged for the kind invitation to be your guest, the more so as I remember the pleasant visit I made to you and your family and would like to repeat it, but as I would like to 'kill two birds with one stone' - accomplish two things by one visit to Philadelphia, if you will allow me, will decline your hospitality. I wish to see Mr. Wanamaker with regard to the work of the General Assembly and Church, and can do it best by being his guest.

Please remember me very kindly to your wife and dear children.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 11 7.

Rev. W. R. Lambuth,

346 Public Square,

Nashville, Tenn.

Sir:-

Yours of September 29th notifying me that my subscription to the Review of Missions has expired, is received. I never subscribed for it, but as I furnished an article on missions in Alaska I presumed the Review was sent 'complimentary.' At least I took it so when it came. After reading it myself I have given it to Mr. Lovick Pierce, who is the Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Education, and is a son of the former Bishop Pierce of your Church.

Thanking you for the Review during the past year, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

William Wilcox

November 11 7.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D.,

1334 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

The package of Minutes of the General Assembly came yesterday safely, very much obliged.

I wired you yesterday that the Rev. John R. Davies, D.D., of New York City, had consented to accept a position on the Synodical Committee and was so appointed. I am not sure but I presume he is now at Indianapolis. I have received the notification of the Committee meeting at Philadelphia on the 23d, and D. V. will be present.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Moderator

Washington D.C. Nov 11th 7

Mr C. K. Wilsaker

Wahpeton. N. Dakota

Dear Sir

Yours of November 8th is received and in reply Mrs Wife will close the deal upon the following terms

We will sell the N.W. ¼ Sec 19-135-49 (121 16/100 acres more or less) West of Great N. R.R. for $7 per Acre (121 16/100 acres a $7 = $848 12/100) Three hundred dollars Cash and the balance in notes as follows: $200. due Nov 1st 1898. $200 due Nov 1st 1899 And $148 12/100 due Nov 1st 1900, Each note drawing interest at 6 per ct per annum until paid.

We will give a bond for a deed and when half the purchase price is paid, will execute a deed & take a Mortgage on the land for the remaining payments.

Very Truly Yours

Weldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Nov 11th 97

Mr C. K. Ilsaker

Wahpeton. N. Dakota

Dear Sir

Yours of November 8th is received and in reply My wife will close the deal upon the following terms

She will sell the N.W. 1/4 Sec 19-135-49 (121 16/100 Acres More or less) West of Great N. R.R. for $7 per Acre (121 16/100 Acres a $7 = $848 12/100) Three hundred dollars Cash And the balance in notes as follows: $200. due Nov 1st 1898. $200 due Nov 1st 1899 And $148 12/100 due Nov 1st ~~97~~ 1900, Each Note drawing interest at 6 pr Ct per Annum until paid.

She will give a bond for a deed and When half the purchase price is paid, Will execute a deed & take a Mortgage on the land for the remaining payments.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Nov 12th 7

County Treasurer
Wahpeton. N Dak

Sir.

Please send me a list of the taxes on All of Section 19-135-49 West of the land of the Great Northern R.R. which runs diagonally through that Section. Said land being in the name of my wife Mary T. Jackson

I send you a Statement of Commissioner of Education Concerning the Gold fields of the Yukon Valley

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

When do the taxes become delinquent.

November 5th 97.

Mr. Herbert S. Huntley,
Room 14, Haller Building, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I send you by registered mail the electric railway bonds which were left with me as collateral security with the electric railway company's note.

When I get at my books I will let you know about the interest notes coming which you mention. I have just got home and have not my papers straightened out so that I can get at them.

I am glad to hear that Mayor Wood is making such good progress ascending the Yukon.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

No 1 Interest note due March 24. 1893 for $83.60 on Green Lake Electric Rwy Co's note was paid
As also was interest note No 1 due Aug 3rd 1893 for $60. on Green Lake Home Building & Guarantee Co's note.

S. J.

Washington DC Nov 12th 97

Mr Herbert B. Huntley
Rooms 14 + 15 Haller Bldg. Seattle Wash

Sir

Yours of Nov 1st came duly to hand, but press of work + sickness has prevented an earlier response I am not willing to throw off any sum except that which was agreed upon in your office the morning I left. + will so telegraph Mr Stone to-night. I also telegraph you the same You will therefore proceed to arrange on the basis of the sum agreed upon in your office if Mr Stone ~~gives you trouble, then the latter~~ declines doing as agreed, then I am no longer bound to remit the sum that was agreed upon in your presence

Very Truly Yours -
Sheldon Jackson

Telegram

November 12, 1897

Unwilling to make any
further discount of indebted-
ness to ~~Mr~~ Stone

Sheldon Jackson

To
Herbert B. Huntley
Room 14 Haller Bld'g
Seattle Wash

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November 16 7.

Rev. F. H. Gwynne,

514 Third Avenue, N.

Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of November 9th is received. It will give me pleasure to cooperate with Senator Carter in trying to secure you a consulship. Write the Senator to call upon me at any time when he sees any way that I can be of assistance, and you let me know what I can do.

I had the privilege of meeting your son in the First Church, Seattle.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 4 7.

Rev. Joseph H. Dulles,

Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:-

The Necrological Report of May 4th, 1897, was awaiting my return from Alaska. I do not know how my account stands but with to receive the report regularly and enclose you One Dollar for the Alumni Association.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Enclosure.

B.Y.H.

November 18, 1897.

Wm. H. Scott,

1211 Clover Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Scott:

Would it be convenient to have ~~hang~~ upon the walls of your banquet room a cloth map of Alaska? It is about 12 by 14 feet in size. There is no weight to it. I think that the members of your union would find it a great help in definitely locating the places mentioned in my address on next Monday night. ~~It is to me to let you know that~~ The General Assembly's committee on the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Westminster standards is called to meet in Philadelphia on Tuesday morning the 23rd. The committee consists of myself, Dr. William H. Roberts, and Dr. Dana of your city, Dr E. H. Robbins Baltimore Dr. William C. Moore of Columbus, Ohio, and ruling elders George Junkin of your city, William C. Gray, LL.D. ex editor of Chicago Interior, Hon. S. J. Peele a justice of the Court of Claims, Washington, D. C., and the Hon. Darwin R. James of Brooklyn, N. Y., ex-member of Congress. I think possibly your union

knowing that they were in the city would be glad to have them present as guests during the evening.

Very respectfully,

Sheldon Jackson

B.Y.H.

November 16, 1897.

Dr. William C. Gray,

McCormick Building,

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr.;

Yours of the 13th is received and I am very glad to look forward to meeting you at the committee meeting on the 23rd in Philadelphia. The Presbyterian Social Union of Philadelphia (composed I understand of ruling elders) give me a banquet at that city on the evening of the 22nd and I presume that they will be very glad to have as guests the several members of our committee from abroad, although I am not authorized to issue any invitations, I hope to see you at that banquet as well as at the committee next day. I will count it as a favor if you will let me know what plans you have matured by which we can make the work of the committee help in arousing a new interest throughout the church in missions. I assure you it will give me great pleasure to cooperate with you in such a movement.

Very respectfully,

Sheldon Jackson

November 11 7.

Mr. David D. Gitt,

623 F Street, N.W.,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Yours of November 3d requesting me to call at your office, is received. The fact is since my return from Alaska I am flooded with work and unless it is something very important will be unable to call---at least for some time. However I will be glad to see you at my office in the Bureau of Education, corner of G and 8th sts.,N.W. where I am usually from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Very respectfully,

Sheldon Jackson

November 16 7.

Rev. Edward Hyde Robbins,

Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Sir:

Will ou accept an appointment in place of Dr. Witherspoon, resigned, n General Assembly Committee of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Westminster Standards?

The Committee as a meeting at Philadelphia next Tuesday morning. (23rd) Please telegrah acceptance.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
Moderator

November 16, 1897.

Dr. H. B. Stehman,

Presbyterian Hospital,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:

Dr. Gray of the Interior has kindly given your name as the proper person to write to in the interests of Mrs. V. C. Gambell. In 1894 Mrs. Gambell and her husband were sent by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions as missionaries to St. Lawrence Island in Northern Bering Sea just south of the Arctic Circle where they have remained to the present year. The only English speaking people on the island, hundreds of miles from a physician with but one mail a year, and but one opportunity a year for securing provision, surrounded by 200 or 800 barbarous Eskimos within sight of the coast of Siberia. Mrs. Gambell is in need of a surgical operation and I have urged her to come to our Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. They have no means and I shall try to interest some of your good Presbyterian ladies in Chicago to see that they shall not want in that

direction. She and her husband hope to be able to return to their Arctic field next summer when the ice will allow a ship to reach the place. I know that when you become acquainted with them and learn something of their histories and their heroism in missionary work that you will be glad to have had the privilege of ministering to them.

Very respectfully,

Sheldon Jackson

~~Commissioner.~~

November 17, 1897.

Mr. Clark Brooks,

54 William Street,

New York.

My dear Sir:

Yours of June 30th informing me that the Board of Trustees of Union College had conferred upon me the honorary degree of LL.D., was awaiting my return to Washington. At your next meeting be so kind as to convey my warmest thanks to your Board for the honor, which I greatly appreciate as coming from my own Alma Mater.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

June 7, 1897.

(Copy)

General Eaton,

The Concord,

My dear General:

Your letter of the 27th of May, received from Eagle Lake during my absence in Illinois, is placed in my hands on my return to the Bureau.

I write to thank you for your kindness in explaining the situation at Eagle Lake.

I expected of course Dr. Jackson would use his discretion as to the time of returning whether the same night of the next night. My only hurry was occasioned by my necessity of seeing him before I started for Illinois on the following Tuesday, together with the necessity of his returning in time to get off soon enough to reach Oregon the 10th of June. The result has proved that we have a very much more satisfactory arrangement with the entire plan for the present year. We were in great anxiety about the fitting together of the different parts of the plan, but now we are confident that if one part does not succeed another part will and we shall get a good result from the present year's

work.

I am glad to hear of the great success of Dr. Jackson as Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

Very truly yours,

W. T. Harris,

Commissioner.

November 17, 1897.

Mrs. Alice Palmer Henderson,

28 North Kensington Street,

La Grange, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Henderson:

Yours inquiring for photographs was duly received and upon looking over my list I find that I have practically none that you would care for, however I have sent you some views which if you care for, you are very welcome to. The few plates that ~~you gave~~ were given me on this last trip have not been printed. I may be able next week to send you a few of those. I find the Minneapolis paper with your article from the Yukon awaiting my return and am very much obliged to you for it. I think that I have never been so pushed with work any year as just now. I could spend my whole time lecturing, if I accepted the invitations sent me; I could spend my whole time writing articles to the newspapers which I am declining very largely. I hope that your lecture engagements will meet with your expectations. Certainly the public are hungry for any thing on the gold fields of Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Much obliged for the promise of your photos—
Kind regards to your Husband & Serene

November 17, 1897.

Rev. George W. Macmillan, D. D., Phd.,

Pres. Richmond College,

Richmond, Jefferson Co., Ohio.

My dear Dr:

Your letter of June 19th announcing that the trustees of Richmond College had conferred upon me the degree of LL. D. was awaiting my return to Washington. Please be so kind as to thank the trustees for the same at their next meeting. If you can recall and write out the nominating speech which you made in my behalf at the last General Assembly I will be very much obliged to you for it. I am thinking of printing a small leaflet for private circulation among friends containing the nominating addresses that were made in my behalf.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 17, 1897.

Rev. William H. Roberts, LL.D.,

1334 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The Rev. Edward H. Roberts of Baltimore has consented to serve on the Anniversary Committee which meets in Philadelphia next Tuesday, taking the place of Dr. Witherspoon resigned. I have informed him that the Committee meets on next Tuesday in Philadelphia at 9:30 A. M.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

General Land Office,

Washington, D. C.,

November 13, 1897.

Sheldon Jackson,

U.S.Genl.Agent of Education for Alaska,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 5, 1897, in reference to the contemplated sale of lots in the townsite of Unalaska, under supposed instructions of this office of April 17, 1897.

I have to advise you that letter "G" of April 17, 1897 to Mr. James Blaine, Trustee, contained no instructions under which he could proceed with the sale of town lots in Unalaska. No entry has been made of the townsite and the title to the land is in the Government.

Mr. Blaine was advised by letter "G" of November 5, 1897, that your report of January 7, 1897, dealt with the claims of the Greco-Russian Church, the claims of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M.E.Church, and other matters which would in all probability necessitate an amendatory survey, and he was, therefore, directed to take no further action in the premises.

Very respectfully,

(signed) E. F. Best,

Asst. Commissioner.

November 17, 1897.

Rev. Andrew B. B. Raymond, D. D. LL. D.,

Schenectady, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Raymond:

Your letter of June 19th communicating to me the honor which the trustees of Union intended to bestow reached me in September at the mouth of the Yukon river and as I was then en route home delayed acknowledging it until now. I have sent my thanks to the Board of Trustees through Mr. Clark Brooks, secretary of the Board, and I wish to thank you personally for your interest in the matter. It would give me very great pleasure to be present at the commencement exercises, but as long as I have to be in Alaska all summer it will be impossible. I look forward, however to the time when I may come back to old Union, and the thought of which gives me much pleasure.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 17, 1887.

Rev. Edward H. Robbins,

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brother:

Your telegram is received. Much obliged for your accepting the position. The committee will meet at the building 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, on Tuesday November 23rd at 9:30 A. M. Inquire at the building for Dr. W. H. Roberts, the stated clerk of the Assembly. The names of the committee will be found in your General Assembly minutes - You taking the place of Dr. Witherspoon resigned.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 17, 1897.

David C. Cook Publishing Co.,

86 Washington Street,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

In response to yours of July 28rd just received permit me to say that we have no territorial Sabbath school organization in Alaska and consequently there are no county or district secretaries.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Nov 18th 7

Dr H. Richmond Marsh

Point Barrow

Dear Brother

If you have an opportunity of buying from the Natives between Now & Next August a large & fine White bear Skin for me, please do so, And send it down Next August with the Cutter Bear. Also send down the price & I will return you barter goods the following Season or Money if you prefer.

Your Brother

Sheldon Jackson

November 18 7.

Rev. F. V. Moore, D.D.,

Helena, Montana.

Dear Brother:

Yours of July 2nd is received, and I am very glad to hear that you are preparing a history of your Church and early Presbyterianism in Montana.

In reply to your questions I will state (1) before taking up the work of Superintendent of the Western country I was a Home Missionary from 1859 to 1869 in Minnesota.

2. I was appointed Superintendent of Missions of the Western Territories by the action of three Presbyteries in Iowa and Nebraska in 1869, without salary. I was expected and did raise my own salary and traveling expenses, and a portion of the salary and traveling expenses of several missionaries whom I stationed along the line of the Union Pacific Railroad between Omaha and Corinne. The Synod of Iowa that same year had requested the Board of Domestic Missions (Old School) to appoint me Synodical Missionary for the West, but the Board refused to do it and it was thought unwise to wait for twelve months until Synod met again. The above action was taken by the three Presbyteries of Council Bluff, Fort Dodge

and Des Moines, took the above official action. I raised during the winter of 1869 and '70 from private friends, about $8000, which enabled me to carry on the work. The following year, in 1870, the Board gave me a regular commission, taking off from my field Iowa, Nebraska and Dakota. My first western jurisdiction at the time I was at Helena in 1869 covered Nebraska, western Iowa, Dakota, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado. In 1870 Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota were taken from the field and New Mexico and Arizona added.

3. When the Church in Helena was first organized in 1869 the nearest church south was Corinne, Utah, West somewhere in Oregon or on Puget Sound, Washington Territory; east ~~of them~~ there was no church for the whites until you reached Minnesota. There may have been a mission church in Dakota among the Dakota Indians.

4. I was under the Old School.

5. The Helena Church, if I remember right, was attached to the Presbytery of Missouri River. By the action of the Old School General Assembly in session at Pittsburg, November 1869, the Territory of Montana, and of course its churches, were placed in the Presbytery of Colorado. Under the reconstruction of the Synods by the General Assembly, May 19, 1870, Montana seems to have been left out in the cold by some oversight.

6. I know very little about the ~~resources~~ work of the Rev. Geo. G. Smith at Virginia City, &c., in 1864. I have for many years hoped to get near where he was living when I intended to visit him

and get hold of more information than I have been able to by letter. I have written him several times without securing much information.

7. I have no knowledge of any Presbyterian Minister visiting Montana between Mr. Smith's departure and my arrival in 1869.

8. So far as I know the Church at Helena was the only one organized in 1869. in Montana by Presbyterians

9. I have no knowledge of the work of Rev. J. Blanchard at Virginia City in 1866.

I am so much interested in your proposed work that I am sending you my Scrap-book of that period. I have never before allowed it to go out of my possession; you will therefore guard it carefully and as soon as you have got from it what you wish, please return it to me by registered mail.

I also send you photographs as you request.

Very respectfully yours,

A Reade Jackson

I Learely need inform you that Rev J. R. Russell for some Cause unknown to me has as Stated Clerk of Presbyter dealt very unjustly with me, and some of his Statements Concerning my work in Montana are Untrue & Malicious. Through his influence in Olden times the Presbytery was led to take action that will Sound very Strangely when hereafter some one goes carefully over the Records Minutes of Presbytery. and finds that the one who toiled & suffered and has been recognized by the Church for Many years as having accomplished whatever Good Came of the Mission of Montana with Scarcely a

Montana was my favorite field & it hurt
me to be pilloried unjustly in its Presbyterial
Minutes. If (D.V.) we sometime meet in the
flesh, I may tell you the story, which is too long
to write. Have ordered some photos —

November 18, 1897.

Prof. John A. Tuck,

550 East 55th Street,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:

I have been so rushed with business since my return from Alaska that I have neglected to send you a check of $20 which was paid me by George Krassoff, teacher at Unalaska. He gave me $25 but I was told $5 was to be given Miss Miller as a contribution from Mrs. Tuck, I therefore enclose you the balance, $20. Please send me a receipt in duplicate for the same. I hope to give a lecture in Chicago in January and to have the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Tuck and yourself. Hoping you are both well,

I remain, very respectfully yours,

W. Skelton Jackson

November 18, 1897.

Captain R. H. Pratt, U. S. A.,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 16th is received. It is possible that I can come on the 3rd of December. It would be more convenient, however on the evening of the 6th as on the evening of the 7th the Presbyterians of Pittsburg and Allegany give me a banquet, and if I could take Carlisle on the 6th it would save me one absence from Washington which is just now with the pressure of work a very important consideration. What do you say to December 8th?

Very truly yours,

T. Woodrow Jackson

(Copy)

San Francisco, November 11th, 1897.

Rev. Dr. Jackson:

My dear Sir:

You will remember that I introduced to you in my office a few weeks ago, a German, Fred Koltchoff, who had been living some ten years in Alaska, and who expressed a desire to return, and in some position, look after the care of Reindeer, now occupying the attention of those interested in Alaska. Becoming interested in the imprisoned whaling fleet, off Point Barrow. He proposes to communicate with them, with as little delay as possible, and to report to those who go to their relief. His plan, if approved, and seconded by those in charge of the Relief Expedition is to take passage on the Revenue Cutter "Bear", which is expected to sail from Seattle in about two weeks; from which he will land as far north, between the Kushkoquim and Kushagak Rivers as possible; or between the Kushkoquim River and St. Michael. His being"an experienced and capable nurse"is no small qualification, rendering him competent to take good care of himself, and any sick and disabled ones he might meet. From what I know of Mr. Koltchoff personally, and from what I have learned from

others, of his experience, bravery, and hardihood, I am persuaded he would make that trip, if any one can, and return with the most valuable information, as to the condition and prospects of the imprisoned fleet. He would of course expect to be furnished with all the necessaries for the trip, free of cost to himself; and be paid reasonable compensation, measured by dangers and hardships, and sufferings it may be, from such an adventurous undertaking. Will you kindly bring his proposal to the attention of the proper authorities, that it may have due consideration, and advise me of the result? And much oblige

Very respectfully yours &c.,

(Signed) James B. Roberts.

Aug. 8, 1898.

This is to certify that to our personal knowledge Fred Koltchoff is an experienced and capable nurse, and will be found eminently trustworthy in that capacity. Signed

T. G. Edge,

P. Nelson,

Thos. H. Stagg,

John Ledger,

John W. Clark,

J. H. Schoechert,

F. E. Wolff.

November 18, 1897.

Mr. Alexander,

Mail and Express,

Broadway and Fulton Streets,

New York.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for the kindly mention in your editorial of November 18th. It is a situation after years of neglect and quiet persecution to find that when the great exigency arises the Government is compelled to take my agencies for their solution. Hundreds of plans have been sent to the Captain suggesting methods of giving relief to the starving miners in the Yukon, but none of them were considered feasible except the employment of the trained reindeer for transporting provision from the coast to the miners, and when the news came that 8 whalers were imprisoned in the Arctic ice again many suggestions were made to the Government for their relief but none of them were found practical except the one now adopted of driving a herd of reindeer to the whalers and issue rations under the control of the Government officer, but id if the introduction of reindeer into the mail and express has taken a leading part hundreds of miners and sailors would have this year starved to death. If there are

Mr. Alexander.

any extra copies at your office please send me half a dozen of November 18th and greatly oblige,

Yours respectfully,

November 19, 1897.

Rev. George L. Spining, D. D.,

South Orange, N. J.

Dear Brother:

The Committee to arrange for the Westminster Standards Celebration at the next General Assembly meets in Philadelphia next Tuesday morning. If you would like to be placed on the program for that celebration please let me know and also let me know what branch of the subject you would prefer to write a paper upon. If you would like to take part I will try and secure your being placed on the program.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

If you do not reply in time to reach me at Washington Early Monday Morning (Leave City Monday Noon) address Rev C/ Dr Matt. Roberts 1334 Chestnut St - Phila

November 19, 1897.

Rev. George Norcross,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Brother:

The Committee to prepare for the 250 Anniversary Celebration of the Westminster Standards at the next General Assembly meets on Tuesday morning in Philadelphia to make arrangements. Would you like to be placed for a paper in in that Celebration? If so write me at once indicating what branch of the subject you would like to write about. If you reply at once you can direct to me at Washington. I leave here however Monday noon, if your letter would not probably reach me in time you can address me care of Dr. W. H. Roberts, D. D., 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. The Presbyterian Social Union at Philadelphia gives me a banquet on Monday night. I have partly promised Captain Pratt to give a Steropticon lecture at the Carlisle school on December 6th. Love to the family.

Yours very truly,

Sheldon Jackson

November 19, 1897.

Rev. M. D. Babcock, D. D.,

1816 Park Avenue,

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 18th is received. It will be impossible for me to come to Baltimore before next ~~February~~ Janr as I have all the engagements I can possibly attend to. Be so kind as to write me on the subject ~~in~~ Early January.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 19, 1897.

Mr. John E. Bennett,

2537 Dana Street,

Berkeley, Cal.

My dear Sir:

I send you to day under separate cover a number of my educational reports and a few half tone illustrations. The photographs of Drying Fish, Reindeer Herd, Siberian Village, Freighting with Reindeer, Winter Scene, Reindeer Station, Siberian Herders and Reindeer and Photo of myself you will please return to me when you are through with them. When I came to look over my photos I found that they were nearly exhausted. Hence my request to have them returned so that I may be able to supply some future request. Be so kind as to let me know when your article appears in order that I may send for a copy.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 19, 1897.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D. D., LL. D.,

1334 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother:

Yours of the 18th is received. The minister appointed on Anniversary Committee is the Rev. Edward Hyde Robbins of Baltimore. The Committee in New York have paid my traveling expenses, consequently there is no charge ~~again~~ against the churches of Trenton. When I am in Philadelphia please speak to me about the illustrated lecture on Alaska and I will be able to let you know how I am situated with regard to it.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 19, 1897.

Mr. A. E. Johnson & Co.,

28 State Street,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of November 18th is received and we are much obliged for the trouble you are taking to answer our questions with regard to freight on reindeer. It will suit us just as well to bring the deerbefore April 1st as after, and thus not interfere with your full time.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 19, 1897.

Rev. James M. Thompson,

"Office of the Occident,"

San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Brother:

Be so kind as to mail me with the enclosed penalty postage slip two copies of the "Occident" for August 19th, 1897. The plan of introducing domestic reindeer into Alaska is beginning to approve itself to the American people. When tidings came from the Yukon Valley that there was a shortage in the provision supply and the possibility of much suffering to the miners, scores of propositions were sent to the Government with regard to furnishing relief. After they were all examined and sifted down, the President and his Cabinet were forced to the conclusion that the only method of getting food this winter into the Yukon Valley was to use the reindeer for freighting from St. Michael up the Yukon and consequently Col. Randall in charge of the United States troops in Alaska was instructed to take the 200 head of reindeer which I had trained to harness together with my trained Lapp and Eskimo herders and freight

food from St. Michael to the miners. No sooner was the arrangement made than tidings came that whalers were imprisoned in the Arctic Sea and in danger of suffering and again large numbers of propositions were made to the Government. When these were sifted down it was found in the second case as in the first that the only solution was in the reindeer and orders as the country knows have been issued to take two herds from the region of Bering Straits to the relief of the whalers.

Very respectfully,

Sheldon Jackson

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Very respectfully,

Sheldon Jackson.

November 18, 1897.

Mr. John Wanamaker,

Private Office,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Friend:

Yours of the 17th is received. My heart and inclinations say go to the country, but my judgment says remain at the hotel. My throat is giving me some trouble and I am compelled to be careful with regard to exposure outside after speaking. Therefore, with much regret I will remain in the city and hope to met you at the Presbyterian Social Union.

With kind regards to Mrs. Wanamaker, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Nov 24 /

Mr Herbert B. Huntley

Seattle Wash

Dear Sir.

Yours of November 13th is at hand & Contents noted. Your settlement of the Stone & Leddy matter is Satisfactory. I Sign & return the Certificate, which you sent me for that purpose -

Please procure and send me Exchange on New York for the $140 17. 53 less exchange as I wish to use the money in this City.

Very Truly Yours

Meldon Jackson

November 26 97.

Rev. Richard M. Hayes,

La Grande, Oregon.

My dear Brother:

It has occurred to me that it would make an interesting little leaflet for private circulation among personal friends if I could secure a copy of the four address which were made at the Genarl Assembly advocating my election as Moderator. Dr. Spinning's was published in the newspapers and I have that. Dr. Macmillan of Ohio has written out and sent me his address as near as he can recall it Now if it is possible for you to do the same you will confer a favor.

I am glad you were able to get to the Synodical Committee at Indianapolis; that is an important committee and the future of home missions is very dependent upon the conclusions that your Committee come to. I am on a committee to nominate delegates to the next Pan Presbyterian Council. Have you ever been a member of that body? If not would you like to be? I cannot positively promise, but I think I could secure your appointment to the next one, which meets at the City of Washington, in 1899.

Very truly yours Sheldon Jackson

November 26 7.

Rev. W. H. W. Boyle,

Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Brother:

Yours of November 8th requesting my presence at Colorado Springs the 21st to the 28th, came duly to hand and nothing would have pleased me better than to have been able to be with you this week, but the pressure of duties both to the Government and the Church require my remaining at my desk. I shall often think of you during these memorial days and of the changed conditions since I road across the prairie where now stands your beutiful city. At that time there was not a house, fence or any indication whatever to mark the presence of man; there was not a house of any kind even at the Springs, and only a very few houses at what is now known as Colorado City. When I see the great changes that have occurred and the strong churches that have grown up out of very feeble beginnings, it gives me courage to continue to make other feeble beginnings.

Please convey my warmest greetings to your people.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

I believe there were 30 or 4 lone graves in the neighborhood (Manitou)

November 26 07.

Rev. George F. McAfee,

Presbyterian Building, 156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Brother:

At the request of General Eaton I send you Doctor Wisherd's letter concerning Miss Beekman, a teacher in Utah. I had the letter with me once in New Yorkbut in my hurry failed to deliver it. I think it very important for the Church and for the Utah work that its best talkers should be kept among the churches.

Very truly yours,

S Melder Jackson

Enclosure.

November 26 7.

Rev. C. S. Stowitts, D.D.,

18 Wurts Street,

Rondout, New York.

My dear Brother:

Yours of June 11th came after I had left for Alaska, requesting me to spend a Sabbath with you and your people. I am so pressed with work that I do not see now that it will be possible for me to come, very soon, but if you want a first-class man to talk to your people about the threatened dangers of Mormonism in the United States, send for the Rev. John Eaton, LL.D., of Washington, D. C. Doctor Eaton is one of the remarkable men of the world and will in a pleasant way bring the attention of your Church to the dangers which threaten our institutions from the rapid spread of Mormonism. It is time that Christian men and women had their eyes open to this new danger and then perhaps at some distant future period I may be able to come myself.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

I enclose leaflet of Dr Eaton

November 26 7.

Rev. George L. Spinning, D.D.,

South Orange, Pennsylvania.

Dear Brother:

You will be notified by Doctor Roberts of the action of our Committee last Tuesday at Philadelphia. As you see we have put you on Home Missions, as we want to make that the burning subject of the day.

I send you by express an Eagle skin robe. It was done up so securely that I have not opened it, but am informed by the person from whom I purchased it, that it is a first-class skin. It will stand washing like cloth; when the down is thoroughly soaked in water it will look to you as if the thing was ruined, but when dry and shaken out it will come out all right again. When you want to dream again take a comfortable position on your lounge, cover yourself with this "spread Eagle" down robe, and I think the spirit of eloquence cannot fail to come.

It may be of interest to know that I have recently heard of your nominating speech being used for boys' recitations in public schools, you see it is already becoming a classic with Webster's reply to Haynes and other similar productions.

Very truly yours,

H. Clay Jackson

November 26 7.

Mrs. William Thaw,

P.O.Box 1086, Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Thaw:

Yours of November 20th is received. I hope to reach Pittsburg sufficiently early in the day of December 7th to pay you a short visit as I am the guest of the Presbyterian Union at the Monongahela House in the evening. I have not a Pennsylvania Time Table by me and therefore cannot tell the time that I would reach East Liberty Station. I am to be in Carlisle on the evening of the 6th. When I find out the hour that I can reach East Liberty I will write you again.

I shall be very glad to meet the young Doctor of whom you write, and have no doubt that I can give him points that will be of assistance to him. I have written to the authorities of the Presbyterian Hospital at Chicago with regard to Mrs. Gambell, telling them something of Mr. and Mrs. Gambell's heroic work at St. Lawrence Island, thus trying to interest them, and thereby perhaps securing a little more attention for Mrs. Gambell when she goes there for a surgical operation.

With kind regards to your family I remain,

Very respectfully yours, Sheldon Jackson

November 26 7.

Mr. Henry M. Wright,

Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Yours of November 22nd is received. Under ordinary circumstances it would have given me great pleasure to visit Detroit and present home missions to your Church in December, as requested, but with the rush of gold seekers to Alaska and the increased work incident thereto, I fear it will be impossible for me to come at that time. It is barely possible I may be able to visit your city later in the winter.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Rev John Eaton L L D - a forcible & interesting Speaker, would address you on Home Missions in Utah. I enclose you a leaflet-

November 26, 1897.

Mr. George H. Himes,

248 1/2 Stark Street,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I enclose you my check for $1.00 as a contribution on the Whitman monument fund in accordance with a printed request just received from Walla Walla. Please accept my thanks for the invitation to be present at the 15th anniversary. It would have given me great pleasure to do so as I am an enthusiast on the work accomplished by Dr. Marcus Whitman and his associates. I think that the friends of Dr. Whitman in Oregon ought to commence manufacturing public sentiment which would result in the Legislature of Oregon sending a statue of Whitman to the Statuary Hall, United States Capitol. You are aware that each State is allowed to place two statues in that hall and certainly there is no one that is entitled to come from Oregon in preference to Dr. Whitman.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 26, 1897.

Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, D. D. LL. D.,

Schenectady, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Raymond:

Yours of Nov. 19th is received and it will give me great pleasure to give an informal talk on Alaska and the Klondike on some Friday afternoon as you suggest. However, I will not be able to come as early as Dec. 3rd, probably not before Feb. but will write you later on the subject.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 26, 1897.

Mr. F. E. Frobese,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Yours of Nov. 5th together with the eagle skin robe came safely to hand, also check for $40 and postage stamps. Please accept my thanks for the same. I am very glad to hear of the good condition of the museum. You are certainly to be commended for the interest you manifest in it. It was a great disappointment not to be able to visit S. E. Alaska this season. I hope, however, nothing will prevent my getting there the next.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 27, 1897.

Messrs. Hamilton, Simpson & Co.,

Port Chanzine,

Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Yours of November 8th enclosing statement of lumber supplied to Saxman is received. I had hoped to have been able to visit you during the past summer and investigate the matter. The bill which I return to you is unsatisfactory. I want an itemized bill showing the size and character of the lumber delivered, price per thousand feet &c. &c. I would have settled the bill last spring, but it was repres ented to me that you raised your price and then sent an inferior quality of lumber. I could have gotten lumber cheaper from Puget Sound, but I refused to allow Mr. Young to do so in order to encourage you with the expectation that you would furnish a good quality of lumber well sawed. Whereas I am informed you put off on us lumber that you could not sell to other people, of various degrees of thickness, irregular sawing, and at a high rate.

and at a price not to exceed that of Puget Sound with freight added.

Under the circumstances you can not expect me to pay the bill until I have had an opportunity of investigating, nor to pay it until it is itemized so that I can understand it.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Nov 27 7

Mr O. K. Wilsaker

Walpeton N. D.

Sir

Yours of Nov 22d is received and in view of the $424.00 Cash promised, My wife will give a good warranty deed for the property and take a Mortgage as security for the payment of 3 notes (or two notes, if preferred) payable in 1 & 2 or 1. 2 & 3 years at 6 pr ct. payable annually until paid.

You can make out & send us the deed for signing, & ~~the~~ Also the Notes & Mortgages to Correspond.

Very Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

Notes payable to order of "Mary T. Jackson"

All N. W. ¼ Sec 19-135-49 (124.46 acres more or less)
West of Great Northern R. R. right of way.

Washington D.C. Nov 27th 7

Mr Donald Wright

Treas. Richland Co N.D.

Sir

Enclosed find My Check for $22.61 taxes on sale of W line of G.N.R.R Sec 19.-135-49-

Please Mail me receipt for same -

Send you a late report -

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

November 27 7.

Rev. J. H. Condit

Juneau, Alask.

My dear Brother: Yours of November 9th and 15th are received.

I am much obliged for the re-election to the next General Assembly. I have noted what you have said with regard to Dyea and Skaguway. I am very familiar with the conditions there without visiting the places, as I have worked in so many similar places under similar conditions. Fortunately I was in New York when your letter to the Board arrived and was able to decide the secretaries to employ the Canadian Presbyterian Minister at those places during the winter, provided the testimonials they have applied for from the Canadian Church are found to be all right. Then it is the expectation if he proceeds to Dawson in the spring to send one of our own Ministers to take his place. The Secretaries also agreed to carry out former plans in the spring with regard to Saxman; that is, Mr. Edward Marston of Nellie Kane will graduate from Lane Theological Seminary in the spring and be ordained to the ministry as an evangelist by the Presbytery of Athens, Ohio, of which he is a member. The Board will then send him to Saxman with the expectation that he take the general charge of the spiritual interests of

Cape Fox, Port Tongas, and possible Kasaan, natives of the re-
gions south of Fort Wrangel. Edward will learn the language as one
of us could not, and I am looking forward to a very successful min-
istry for him among our native people. It looks now as if I might
have a few considerable time in southeast Alaska next season and if
so you may be sure I will gladly avail myself of it.

The Secretaries of the Board have their attention on Alaska
and desire to send in more workers this coming spring, but it will
depend upon the contribution of the Churches; if they are left still
in debt of course they cannot enlarge their work in any direction.
We will have next year an unprecedent increase of population and
it behooves the Church to send in her ministry.

With regard to the Missionary newspaper, I most heartily con-
cur in having one paper for all southeast Alaska and would gladly
see the "North Star" and "Northern Light" combined and published
under your editorship, with the assistance of Dr. Wilbur and Dr.
Young. It would add very much probably to the strength and hon-
esty of the work. The jealousy which you indicate on the part of
some towns S'tka has long been felt; but it has been unjust.
The policy of the Board has wisely from the first been to have out
one [illegible] in southeast Alaska and that naturally would be
the capital of the Territory. With smaller schools and missions
of [illegible] in the archipelago, that would necessar-
ily require a superior at headquarters than at any of the other
places. The plan has not been fully carried out through the

jealousies that you have noticed, but the brethren that have taken a partisan view of the matter are not the ones that have been most successful in the work, as a rule; this has been particularly the case with Mr. Gould and Dr. Thwing. It is perhaps somewhat the the case with Mr. Wynne. It takes a great deal of consecration for a Missionary to send his brightest children to another station and yet that is what is best for the mission and the individual. Those of you who have come into the Territory in recent years have not had the opportunity of having the whole thing unfolded to you, and that is an additional reason why I wish very much that I could make things very much plainer to some of the brethren than they probably now seem, and we will look forward for a chance in the near future for such a meeting.

I am arranging for Mrs. Campbell to go to the Presbyterian Hospital at Chicago for a surgical operation, which is apparently necessary for her recovery to health and strength. I presume, however that you hear frequently from them since they have got back within reach of the postoffice.

Remember me very kindly to your family.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

November 30, 1897.

Mrs. S. H. Heizer,

1314 8th Street N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Friend:

Yours of the 29th is received. My address at the Gurley church has never been published. It is unwritten.

I would advise your sons to go into the Yukon River Valley in the neighborhood of Circle City or Ramparts, near the mouth of the Tanana. It may be however that when they get there, that some other creek has attracted public attention and they can govern themselves accordingly. The best way for them to do is to start in March, go to Dyea and get over the passes as best they can. It may be well for one of them to pack provisions over the pass and then take turns packing backwards and forwards until they get it all over. Then build a raft and float down the river to the mines. This will be very hard work but with the rush of people they will be unable to hire any one to do their packing for them. Every body will have to work for himself

next year unless he has a fortune to spend in paying others a hundred times more than it is worth to do their packing for them. It will be well for them to get to Dyea in March. They must make up their minds to endure hardships beyond any thing they now imagine. They should not attempt to go in with less than $500 each. Of course they must take provisions sufficient to last them for at least 5 months. I send you a map of the country.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 1, 1897.

Mrs. William Thaw,

P. O. Box 1086,

Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Thaw:

I expect to take the 11:55 train on Monday night from ~~Pittsburg~~ Harrisburg reaching East Liberty at 7.05 ~~a.m.~~ o'clock and will at once go to your home. I shall be able to spend the forenoon with you and after the noon lunch will need to go into the city. Hoping you are all well, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 1, 1897.

Emily E. York,

1806 R. Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Yours of November 29th is received. There will be no charge whatever for my services either with or without the steriopticon. If you have, however the steriopticon, Mr. E. C. Hough of this city, ~~is in the hope of~~ will furnishing the lantern, screen, and illuminating gas. His usual charge is $10 a night, but he will make the charge $8 to your society. He is accustomed to illustrating my lectures and owns some of the best slides, which he loans me. Be so kind as to let me know at an early date your decision so that I can secure Mr. Hough before some one else secures him for that same evening.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 1, 1897

Rev. William H. Roberts, D. D., LL. D.,

1334 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Roberts:

The map arrived safely for which accept thanks. Also thanks for Elder Morrison's address. With regard to the Committee on the seventh Council I have engagements commencing at Pittsburg Jan. 7th and lasting until January 18th Chicago. I have also an engagement for Feb 1st, but other than those two have no engagement at present for January or February. You can select your own time and let me know. The sooner you select a time ^ the better- ~~of course~~ I will ^ then save it from other engagements.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 1, 1897.

Mr. E. C. Olin,

Home Missions 153 5th Avenue,

New York.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Nov. 27th concerning Mr. D. M. Steverson is received. Be so kind as to take no further action until you hear from me again, as I wish to send you some information which has to be looked up. If the matter is pressed with Mrs. Shepard for the payment by the Board of the salary to Mr. Stevenson we shall expect you to return the money already advanced by the Government, and it will probably jeopardise any further payments by Mrs. Shepard to that station.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

P. S. Yours of Nov. 30th is received and will be attended to to-day.

December 3 7.

Mr. H. C. Olin,

Board of Home Missions,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Sir:

In reply to yours of November 27th concerning Mr. Stevenson, allow me to say, first, so far as the Board of Home Missions was concerned his services terminated at Point Barrow in the fall of 1896. On the 29th of April, 1896, Dr. William C. Roberts, secretary of the Board, wrote me as follows: "My dear Jackson: I am authorized by the Woman's Executive Committee and the Conference of Home Missions, to empower you to dismiss Mr. Stevenson at Point Barrow." Now if I carried out my instructions Mr. Stevenson was dismissed in the fall of 1896, and consequently the Board have no responsibility for any portion of his salary from the fall of '96 to '97. If the Board have any responsibility it simply means that I failed to do what I was instructed to do,--dismiss Mr. Stevenson and if the Board recognize his claim on them for a salary during that portion of 1896-97, I shall consider that they think I have failed in doing my duty and that they act on the ground that I did not do as I was instructed,--dismiss Mr. Stevenson. And I shall

most vigorously protest against being placed in that position. I complied with the directions of the Board; I dismissed Mr. Stevenson, but to make it as pleasant as possible told him that the Board was so badly in debt the Mission could not be sustained any longer at present, which you know was true as the Mission was undertaken by the Board only on the ground that Mrs. Shepherd would be responsible for the expenses and Mrs Sherherd, perhaps through my resresentations was so dissatisfied with Mr. Stevenson's employment by the Board and work that she had ceased to contribute funds for that station. After Mr. Stevenson's services and connection with the Home Board were closed, then I told Mr. Stevenson that I would employ him a year while his successor was being looked up as Government teacher at a small salary of $900. Mr. Stevenson showed that he understood what was going on by signing his salary vouchers to the U. S. Treasury Department. More than that he sent the following letter to the Disbursing officer of the ~~Treasury~~ Interior Department ~~to the following effect:~~ "Point Barrow, Alaska, Aug.15,1896. Mr. George W. Evans, Disbursing Clerk, Department of the Interior. Sir: Please send $900 due me on salary as teacher at Point Barrow, to Mrs. Mary J. Stevenson, Versailles, Darke Co? Ohio, and oblige, yours truly, (signed) L. M. Stevenson."

This order is on file in my office. You will notice that not only ~~is it~~ does he receipted for his salary from the Government but he sends a letter to a Government officer telling him what to do with the salary.

Now can you conceive of a sane man doing all this and claiming that he did not know what he was doing; that he supposed he was under the Board of Home Missions? Mr. Stevenson has received a larger salary than any one else that has been sent to Alaska by the Home Board. I think you made his salary $1500 a year. The first year that he arrived there, I had Captain Healey appoint him as assistant superintendent of the U. S. Refuge Station at that place, in order that he might have not only a comfortable house (and well warmed), but also be allowed to eat without payment at the Government table; so that in addition to the large salary which the Board paid him he had free house rent, free fuel and no expense for his living. I think the same arrangement was effected for 1891 and '92. In 1892 I secured his appointment as superintendent of the Government Refuge Station at a salary of $100 a month and all expenses, including lodging, fuel, board, etc., which sum was paid him by the Government. Consequently you will notice that for three years he had practically no expense. Then I began to see that he was not accomplishing the work for which he was sent and I commenced agitating for the Board to send a more efficient man to the place. During all this time Mr. Stevenson was engaged in private trading; not so much the first years as the last years that he was at Point Barrow, and I have no doubt made thousands of dollars, although I am not sure that he saved it--I have been informed that his agent in San Francisco ran away with the money. He took Church time for private gains

Before Mr. Stevenson was sent out in 1894 I had freely expressed my views with regard to him in a conference between the secretaries and the Women in Dr. Robert's office. Although Dr. Roberts since seems to have forgotten about it. I felt very strongly at the time the unwisdom and injustice of returning him to Alaska and yet the Board held me responsible for raising the money to sustain that station. Surely under the circumstances, both my wishes and my judgment should have received some consideration.

The result was , you remember, Mrs. Shepherd withheld her usual contribution.

You remember also in a previous letter or conference between yourself and Mr. Stevenson, he acknowledged that he had said to me that he was willing to remain without salary rather than have the Mission closed, and yet in his letter of November 21st he now claims that he did not say so; he also claims in his letter of November 21st that he had no knowledge that he was under Government employ or would receive money from the Government; and yet has said at the opening of this letter we have in this office his signature accepting money from the government and his letter directing the disbursing officer of the government to pay that money to his wife.

His statement that the matter brought up sharp criticism from the officers of the Cutter at the time I do not believe, for the officers of the Cutter had several times taken me to task for not informing the Board of the character of Mr. Stevenson's work.

Moreover I have by me now the receipted bills for the payments which I made to secure him bread, flour, coal and coal-oil; also cases of canned soup and box of chocolate. Also have his letter of August 25th 1896, in which he says: "Brother Jackson: After thanking you for your kindness while here, I entirely forgot while on the "Bear" in my hurry to get things done, and for which I most sincerely beg your pardon x x x Now about the school and its continuance, I will say that if the Board still wish to discontinue their operations here they would better sell their buildings as they will bring a fair price and if they stop quite for good and let some one else carry on the work".

You will notice by this extract that Mr. Stevenson recognized that the Board had discontinued its school and mission for the time being and he volunteers the advice that if this is to be a permanent thing or to continue very long, they had better sell out and let some other denomination take the station.

In the same letter he further says: "The government can as easily pay me as it did the Board of Missions, but salary is only a secondary matter and its objects are only to keep the family at home and me from falling into the clutches of those who oppose God's work,--only for the sake of a little present gain. Should it be necessary for me to remain here have Messrs. Foster & Co. fill out the order of last year, increasing the amount of flour to 40 barrels, &c." Showing that Mr. Stevenson would have continued

longer than one year under the Government and yet six days afterward August 31st he writes: in a letter (which is before me) offering to make a trip of exploration for the government from Point Barrow down across the country in a southeast direction to Chilkat.

When I come over to New York I will try to remember and bring you some of these original letters and papers that you may see that Mr. Stevenson fully understood at the time what he was doing.

In order to finish up the statement of the Government with Mr. Stevenson a few days ago I sent him blank vouchers to be filled out with his school report, upon receipt of which the balance of his salary would be paid by the government. Under date of December 2, 1897, received this morning, Mr. Stevenson closes up what he considers a sharp letter with the following statement: "As regards the balance of my salary if you will kindly let it alone the Board of Home Missions, with whom my agreement was made, will attend to the payment and take me and my family off the starvation list, where you so generously placed us more than a year ago. Yours truly, (signed) L.M.Stevenson."

Now dear Brother, you will see that I have the documentary evidence that the Board's relations with Mr. Stevenson terminated in the fall of 1896 as they directed and also that I have documentary evidence which I will bring and show you when I come to New York that Mr. Stevenson understood well enough that he had changed his relation from being a Presbyterian Missionary to that of a Government teacher, and I do not think that the Board has any right

to now go back and pay him for 1896 and 1897. If they have such an abundance of funds that they can pay an unworthy missionary a bonus I would like to have them return the $700 which has been paid out of the school fund to Mrs. Stevenson upon the order of her husband.

Now when you consider that Mr. Stevenson has been paid more than the Board promised him (securing two years'board and house rent without cost) and has taken the time for which he was paid by the Board to do mission work for private speculation, trading thousands of dollars worth, and when you consider that he was not acceptable to the parties that paid the money for his support, and who remonstrated strongly against his being continued through the influence of their contributions) and further that additional payment for the years 1896-97 is simply an assumption that I failed to do my duty by not taking him out of Point Barrow in the fall of 1896 it looks to me that the suggestion of the Conference that I use my influence with Mrs. Shepherd to furnish funds to balance his account is rather the refinement of cruelty. And you doubtless will not be surprised that I decline to do any such thing. More than that if this matter is ~~placed~~ charged with upon Mrs. Shepherd it will probably result in her dropping Point Barrow from her list of benefactions. I know whereof I write.

This letter has been written under a press of other matters

frequently interrupted during its dictation, consequently I have not been able to make it as logical as I would like.

I enclose you the petition for administratorship, duly signed.

Truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 3 7.

Rev. George W. MacMillan, D. D.,

Richmond, Ohio.

My dear Doctor:

Yours with regard to diploma in parchment, is received. Of course I should have been glad to have taken the parchment, but the fact is I am too poor. Because I had given a large sum for education in Utah, people have jumped to the conclusion that I am rich, which is a grave mistake. I am greatly pressed much of the time now for means to keep my family going, and out of debt. I have some property but it is unproductive and I am compelled to watch very closely all expenses; otherwise it would have given me pleasure to send the College the usual fee for a diploma.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 4 7.

Dr. William C. Gray,

McCormick Building,

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Gray:

Yours of December 1st is received and I am much obliged for suggestions. It will give me pleasure, in accordance with your suggestion, to write to the several speakers when they are arranged, saying that it is the wish of the committee that the whole celebration should have in view the strengthening of the faith and the zeal of the Church for present and future aggressive work; that we desire to make it an occasion for the girding up of loins and pressing forward in the missionary work in this and other lands.

I expect some time this winter to be in Chicago to address a home mission rally. If you find it convenient it might help the work if I could be the guest of either Mrs. McCormick or her son while in Chicago;--possibly when the time comes you can secure me such an invitation.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Dec 11 7

Mr H. B. Hawley

Yours of Dec 1st with New York Exchange for $4012.85 is safely received with thanks. I now regret that I had it sent on. I was so afraid of the Populistic vagaries in your State, that I did not wish to risk any more money among them, but it had not occurred to me that perhaps there would be Mortgages & notes for sale, which were made before the change of the law. This was suggested by Mr Hawley in a recent letter. I think I will write him.

Last Monday I advised My Sister Mrs George Norcross of Carlisle Pa to place her matters in your hands as a lawyer

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

December 13 7.

Rev. John J. Francis, D. D.,

621 Mound Street,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Francis:

Yours of the 10th instant is received and I am glad that you have called me to a realization of the fact that January is close at hand. I am so rushed with work brought about by the new conditions in Alaska that the question each morning is what I can pass over during the day with the least neglect. The many questions arising with regard to conditions in Alaska require my presence constantly at Washington; scarcely a day passes that my knowledge is not called into use by my superior officers. This will break up the round of appointments as the Commissioner of Education is unwilling that I should be absent from the city so long at a time. I propose, however, giving the ladies Sabbath, January 9th at Cincinnati and can go to Indianapolis for Monday afternoon and evening, returning to Cincinnati for Tuesday afternoon and evening. Tuesday night or Wednesday morning I will have to return to Washington. I have already arranged with the ladies at Pittsburg, who have deferred their meeting until February or March. I can then

take St. Louis and Chicago on a later date.

If necessary to be at Chicago on Sunday and Tuesday I can take Milwaukee on Monday, then return to Washington. Consequently we had better at present write to the ladies in ~~St. Paul and Detroit~~ St. Louis & Chicago. If you will give the addresses of your wife's correspondents at St. Louis and Chicago and Milwaukee I will commence an arrangement with those cities.

I will leave it to you to arrange for Indianapolis on Monday January 10th. This will greatly add to the fatigue of travel but it is the only way by which I can reach the several cities this winter. If I gave my consent to all the applications that I am receiving for addresses I would be absent the entire time. If you think best you could have Cincinnati for January 9th and 10th and Indianapolis the 11th; it will be necessary for one of the cities to take Monday, notwithstanding it is a bad day for a public meeting.

I have delayed writing partly to get the Commissioner of Education to write and partly because of a special report that had to be pushed through.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 13 7.

Rev. Andrew C. Brown, D.D.,

Peoria, Illinois.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 8th instant is received and I am much obliged for the kind invitation of the Presbyterian Ministers of Peoria. I think however, it will be impossible for me to come. The new conditions in Alaska and the public interest in the gold mines are bringing up so many practical questions with regard to givernment that the authorities in Washington are unwilling to have me absent from the city any length of time:

Last spring I had arranged for a series of Home Mission addresses at Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago. I have now been compelled to ask the friends to rearrange their meetings so that I can dodge out from Washington and fill one or two appoints at a time and then dodge back. If you have no one else prominent before you I would like to suggest to you the Rev. John Eaton, LL.D. (Concord Flats, Washington, D. C.). He is one of the remarkable men of this generation, as you will see by the enclosed circular. He is a fine speaker and is trying to arouse public interest to the necessity of more evangelical work in Utah, both for the progress of

the Church and the preservation of our free institutions?

If circumstances were different it would afford me very great pleasure to again visit Peoria, remembering very pleasantly my former visit years ago.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Enclosure.

December 13 7.

Governor John G. Brady,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter from Seattle is received, also your previous letter from Sitka. I think General Eaton has written you that you had better come on at once. I am not allowed to ask Secretary Bliss to give you permission to come East. You will have to make a request in the usual official way for that privilege. If you have not done so you had better do so at once, and then write Gen. Eaton and ask him to see Secretary Bliss in your behalf as the General is out of the public service and can do as he thinks best in such matters. It is very important that you should be here as soon as possible, and we shall be very glad to see Mrs. Brady with you.

Very truly yours,

Thurlow Jackson

December 13 7.

Mr. William F. Doty,

Gale, St. Lawrence County,

New York.

My dear Brother:

Yours of the 10th instant is received. I laid it before General Eaton the same night and had a conference with him on the subject. We are both agreed that the thing for you to do is to give up your studies for the ministry and take employment for a few years until you have relieved your mother of the strain upon her, and also secured some funds ahead for further study. This, as you know is frequently done by young men looking forward to the ministry. Some of the ablest Ministers now in the Church spent from two to four years between their college and seminary courses in recruiting their finances. I think that if you had gone directly from the college into employment your health would have been much better than now, and employment for three or four years we hope may re-establish your health as well as remove the anxiety which you must have had constantly upon your mind with regard to the indebtedness.

Very truly yours

Sheldon Jact

I know of no position for you at present, but you had better look around yourself and if anything comes in my way I will let you hear of it at once. But do not wait for me to move in case you can find anything yourself.

Kind regards to your sister.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 13 7.

Mr. E. H. Parsons,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Yours of December 6th is received. When your daughters come to Washington let us know and we will be very glad to call and see them, also to have them up at the house.

Now with regard to political matters. I am so situated that I am not allowed to take charge of or push any one's interest for an office. It would therefore be of no service for you to send your endorsements to me as I could do nothing with them. If you can secure a position as deputy collector of customs in the Yukon valley, or U.S.Commissioner at some point, or surveyor-general, it would probably be most profitable. You will either have to come on yourself to Washington and push your own work, or else interest some Congressman sufficiently to do it for you.

Kind regards to family.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 18 97.

Rev. S. Hall,

Board of Home Missions,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My Dear Brother:

Your recent letter concerning Mr. Stevenson is received. If the next conference of Secretaries still feel as if they should pay Mr. Stevenson for 1897, ask them to defer action until I come over to New York, when I will bring letters and vouchers which I think fully substantiate my position. These being government documents I could not send by mail, but can bring in person when I come.

It seems very strange when the Board look to me to secure information for them that they cannot more fully credit that information. My long service should have given them some assurance that my judgment is fairly good; they should also remember two or three other instances in the past when they delayed acting upon my information and afterwards found that it was correct.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Dec 14 7

Mr H. E. Crandall
Colfax N D

Dear Sir

Yours of Nov 26 has been awaiting My return to the City & also pressure of Business The N.W. ¼ Sec 19-135-49 was sold nearly between 3 & 4 weeks ago, ½ Cash & the Balance on Note & Mortgage.

My wife has the remaining land for Sale
All of S.W. ¼ Sec 19-135-49 174 36/100 Acres
All of S.E. ¼ Sec 19-135-49 West of S.A.R.R. 34 35/100 "
As these two pieces aggregate 208 71 Acres, they should be sold together or else in ~~about~~ two pieces or lots of 104 34 Acres each.
I hope to send you a little Money shortly
Kind Remembrances to your Father & Uncle

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent of Education in Alaska.

Washington D.C. Dec 18 /

Mr O.K. Ulsaker

Wahpeton N. D.

Dear Sir

I wrote you three days ago en-
closing 1st deed to Kerstadten 2nd his Mortgage
for recording, together with letter to you.
If the letter has gone astray, you had better
make out a new deed & Mortgage & send
me, If I am sorry if there is any
delay.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

December 20th 7.

Mrs. E. C. Littlejohn,

701 Sixth St., N.E., Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

The pressure of my official duties this winter is such that I am reluctantly compelled to decline your request to address the pupils of the High School, at least until after the middle of next March.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Gen'l.Agt., Education for Alaska.

Write me again about March 1st

December 20 7.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D.,LL.D.,
1334 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Roberts:

Yours of December 17th is received. In reply permit me to say that as the matter of an exhibit by the Synods at the next General Assembly was brought before the Committee, partially considered and dropped, I do not think it would be judicious or proper for the sub-Committee to endorse it, and therefore agree with you that we could do nothing further in the matter.

With regard to your letter of the 15th, I enclose you a letter from Doctor Gray of December 1st, in which you see that he is very anxious to have Judge Vandeburgh take Dr. Baird's place and as Judge Vandeburgh would prefer the topic which was given for Dr. Baird I would be in vfavor of making that change, especially as we do not care to appoint Prof. Wilson unless Dr. Patten declines I am in favor of appointing Dr. S.S.Mitchell as you suggest in the place of Dr. Striker, declined. If you think best I am willing to appoint Mr. Wanamaker in the place of General Harrison, declined.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Miss Margaret R. Allison,

King & Second Streets,

Xenia, Ohio.

My dear Madam:

Yours of December 17th is just received. I have only this morning been ordered to go to Lapland to secure the trained reindeer necessary for carrying food into the Yukon Valley: This will take me out of the country for January and February, consequently I will be unable to visit and lecture at Xenia, as the ladies so kindly request.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Rev. John Junkin Francis,

621 Mound Street,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Francis:

Your letter of December 17th is before me and I am sorry to send you a disappointment. You have probably kept track of the despatches and learned that Congress has voted $200,000 to the Secretary of War to send relief to the starving miners in the Yukon valley. A part of his plan is to purchase 600 reindeer trained to harness in Lapland and bring them over to Alaska to draw food into the country. Very naturally he has not found any one so well posted in the reindeer matter as myself and insists that I go to Lapland to purchase those reindeer; and I will probably leave this week. This will keep me out of the country during January and February. I think the ladies will appreciate the need of haste to secure food for the miners, and will excuse the trouble they have been to to make arrangements only to be disappointed. We shall hope that a new arrangement may be made at a later date.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Rev. W. H. Roberts, D.D.,LL.D.,

1334 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Doctor Roberts:

I am very unexpectedly called upon by the Government to go to Lapland and secure the reindeer necessary for the relief of the starving miners in the Yukon Valley, and shall be absent during January and February. I therefore appoint the Honorable John Wanamaker Vice-Moderator to serve in my place as the Chairman of the Assembly's Committee to prepare a list of speakers for the 250th Anniversary of the Westminster Standard, and to act in my place until my return.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Moderator

December 20 7.

Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D.,LL.D.,

Schnectady, New York.

My dear Doctor Raymond:

I am ordered to proceed to Lapland to purchase trained reindeer for drawing food to the starving miners in the Yukon valley. This will take me out of the country during January and February and will prevent my being able to give an address which I had agreed to do at the Union College, February 4th.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Mr. O. K. Ulsaker,

Wahpeton, North Dakota.

My dear Sir:

Yours of December 15th containing check for $379.81 is received with thanks.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Rev. John L. Withrow, D. D.,LL.D.,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Doctor Withrow:

I have just been called upon to proceed to Lapland to secure the 600 reindeer trained to harness needed to draw food to the starving miners in the Yukon valley. This will take me out of the country during January and February and consequently I will be unable to fill any appointments in Chicago at present. Please cancel them.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Mrs. Thomas B. McMath,

5428 Clemens Avenue,

St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Madam:

I have just been called upon to proceed to Lapland to secure the 600 reindeer trained to harness needed to draw food to the starving miners in the Yukon valley. This will take me out of the country during January and February and consequently I shall be unable to fill any appointments in ~~Chicago~~ St. Louis at present. Please cancel them.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Mrs. William Henry Hubbard,

Indianapolis, 1111 North Illinois Street,

Indiana.

My dear Madam:

I have just been called upon to proceed to Lapland to secure the 600 reindeer trained to harness needed to draw food to the starving miners in the Yukon valley. This will take me out of the country during January and February and consequently I shall be unable to fill any appointments in ~~Chicago~~ Indianapolis at present. Please cancel them.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Mrs. H. P. Merriam,

2339 Michigan Avenue,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Madam:

I have just been called upon to proceed to Lapland to secure the 600 reindeer trained to harness to draw food to the starving miners in the Yukon valley. This will take me out of the country during January and February and consequently I shall be unable to fill any appointments in Chicago at present. Please cancel them.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Rev. William C. Alexander, D.D.,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

I have just been detailed to proceed to Lapland to secure 600 head of reindeer trained to harness to take food to the Yukon miners, and will be out of the city during January and February. Consequently I will be unable to fill my appointment with the Presbyterian Union for February first. I hope by that time that the Rev. John G. Brady, one of our early Presbyterian Missionaries to Alaska will be in the city as he would give a most interesting address, having resided there twenty years. You will be able to get track of him from my Assistant, Mr. William Hamilton, Bureau of Education.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Rev. Wm. H. Roberts, D.D., LL.D.,

1334 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Being unexpectedly called upon by the Government to go to Lapland I will be absent during January and February of 1898. Therefore I appoint the Honorable John Wanamaker Vice-Moderator of the General Assembly to act in my place on the special committee of the Assembly to select delegates to the Seventh Council of the Presbyterian Alliance, which is to meet in the city of Washington in 1899, and respectfully request that he will consent to act during my absence from the country. I would make it as a personal request and a special favor on the part of the said committee if they will appoint as delegates to the Alliance the following persons, in the order in which they are named:- The Rev. Richard M. Hayes, Presbytery of East Oregon; Rev. John Eaton, LL.D., Presbytery of Athens Ohio; Rev. George Spinning, D.D., Presbytery of Morris and Orange, New Jersey; Rev. George Nordross, D.D., Presbytery of Carlisle, Pa. Elder John P. Minnis, Presbytery of Union, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Mrs. Elliott Shepherd,

No. 2 West 52nd Street,

New York City.

My dear Mrs. Shepherd:

I now expect to be in New York on Friday next, and if convenient to you will call at any hour of the day or evening that you may designate as most convenient to yourself. On Saturday morning I sail for Hammerfest, Lapland, after the 600 trained reindeer which the Government has ordered purchased for drawing food into the Yukon valley to the miners. I expect to be gone during January and February.

I send you a copy of the "Occident" of San Francisco with a pleasant notice of your husband in connection with the introduction of the reindeer into Alaska. When we took hold of it in 1890-91 we were only thinking of saving the Eskimo from starvation, but God was helping us lay the foundation to an industry that will save the miners this winter from starving. By the way, when you feel like putting a new historical painting to your own collection, or to have one painted for some public collection like the one in Central Park, or the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D. C., allow me to

suggest that you have one made of the introduction of the tame reindeer into Alaska. Years from now it will be a very famous historical subject. I can furnish a Painter with all the data necessary for him to have.

With kind regards to your children, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Hon. John Wanamaker,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Wanamaker:

I am unexpectedly called upon by the Government to go to Lapland after the 600 head of trained reindeer needed by the government to draw food into the Yukon for the use of the miners. This will cause me to be absent from the country during January and February. I therefore would request that as Vice-Moderator you take my place on the special committee of the Assembly to select delegates to the Seventh Council of the Presbyterian Alliance which is to meet in the city of Washington in 1899. When the committee meets please place before them as a personal request from me as a special favor to me if ~~the committee will~~ that among others they appoint as delegates to the Alliance the following persons: The Rev. Richard M. Hayes, Presbytery of East Oregon; Rev. John Eaton, Presbytery of Athens, Ohio; Rev. George Spinning, D.D., Presbytery of Morris and Orange, New Jersey; Rev. George Norcross, D.D., Presbytery of Carlisle, Pa.; Elder John B. Minnis, Presbytery of Union, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Rev. A. E. Austin,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Austin:

Yours of December 6th is received and I am very sorry that it seems best to you to make a change from Sitka, where you have been identified with the work from the beginning. I will do all I can to get a Minister of the right kind to succeed you and hope that the friends at Sitka will make much prayer that the Board and myself may be guided aright in this matter.

I have not seen the account of the engagement of Lennie but trust that it is satisfactory to yourself and Mrs. Austin.

I leave on Saturday next for Lapland to get 600 trained reindeer to carry food to the miners on the Yukon. I expect to be back however (D.V.) by the first of March and will make my arrangements to be present at the next General Assembly, as I am expected to preach the opening sermon.

Remember me very kindly to the friends at Sitka.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20

r. F. E. Frobese,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Yours of December 5th from Juneau is received. I am afraid that I have mislaid your insurance papers. I had thought I had returned them back to you. If not, I do not know where they are. But if you will write Mr. William Hamilton, Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C., and tell him what company you are in and all about your papers, send him all the particulars that you can remember about the policy, he will write the company about it for you and get a copy of the papers. I ask you to write him because I leave in a few days for Lapland to be gone during January and February to purchase 600 head of trained reindeer to carry food from Dyea into the Yukon mines. I will try before leaving to look through my papers and see if I can find your policy. We will be very sorry to lose you at Sitka. I am afraid there will be no one to take care of the Museum after you leave. I will try also to return the receipts which you sent me by this mail.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 20 7.

Rev. Samuel L. Beiler, D.D.

1524 P Street, N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Beiler:

I return you Mr. Magly's letter and have written them with regard to the buildings to the best of my information.

I expect to leave on Saturday for Lapland to be gone two months purchasing trained reindeer for the relief of the Yukon miners.

Kind regards to Mrs. Beiler.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

(Enclosure)

December 20 7.

Messrs. Magly, Stiess & Mayer,

Room 5, Enterprise Building,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sirs:

Your letter of December 9th to Mrs. Anna F. Beiler has, owing to her being very sick, been sent to me for a reply.

The Jesse Lee Home at Unalaskais a large frame building two full stories high and an attic in the roof. It is shingled on the sides as well as the roof; the chimneys are built of terra cotta set in cement all around them making a very solid job. Special pains have been taken to make it fire-proof. The two buildings of which you write are the mainbuilding with an ell adjacent, and a smaller building used for laundrying and bath purposes. The smaller building is perhaps 20 feet from the main building and connected with it by a covered highway. There is no other building of any kind within 750 to 1,000 feet; that building being the Government school house. I can not tell you the cost of the buildings, but judge that it was in the neighborhood of eight to ten thousand dollars,--it may have been more.

Mrs. Beiler is too sick to give me the information as to cost.

I visit personally Unalaska every summer and know all about the building and its construction.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 21 7.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D.,LL.D.

1334 Chesthut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Doctor Roberts:

Yours of this morning received, and answered. I leave Washington Thursday night and will spend Friday in New York, taking the steamship "Lucania" which sails early Saturday morning.

I may be back by the middle of February. If the Seventh Council Committee can wait until I return I will be much pleased.

Very truly yours,

Stuart Jackson

December 21 7

Mr. Albert K. Smiley,

Lake Mohonk, Ulster Co., New York.

My dear Mr. Smiley:

I, as usual, was compelled to forego the pleasure of being able to attend your Indian Conference, having been at that time on the Pacific Ocean. I now write you to see if it is convenient for the Association to pay another $100 towards the higher education of Edward Marsden, whom the Association has been helping for the last two or three years. This payment will close for Mr. Marsden as this coming spring he expects to complete his studies in the East and return to his own people in Alaska. If his life is spared until May he will graduate at the Theological Seminary and also be admitted to the bar in Cincinnati as a lawyer. I think that you and the friends who may have contributed to this fund will have great satisfaction in remembering that you have assisted so worthy an Indian young man and one that is so talented. I expect great things from him among his people.

With kind regards to Mrs. Smiley, also your brother and his wife, I remain,

Very respectfully,

Sheldon Jackson

December 21 7.

Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard,

No. 2 West 52nd Street,

New York City.

My dear Mrs. Shepard:

With each recurring year comes up afresh the claims of Christ's kingdom and work upon us. I trust that you will be able again to give me $1500 for the support of the President of the Presbyterian College at Salt Lake City. I enclose you a series of letters which General John Eaton, President, published in the Christian Herald. There has never been a time in late years when the Mormons were so active in trying to secure converts in the United States. They have churches and members in every State and Territory in the Union with the probable exception of seven or eight, and I think that if we had more intimate knowledge we would find that they were also in those territories. They claim to have baptized 10,000 converts from our American population during the past year. And it is certainly not only the darkest blot on our national history but one of the greatest menaces to our republican institutions. I see no relief except through the increased effort of churches and Christian people to introduce the Gospel among the Mormons and I know of no

better method of doing it than through our system of mission schools culminating in the Christian College. You know my heart is in Alaska but as badly as we need money in Alaska I feel that the Church needs it more in Utah. This last fall the College was actually opened for instruction and the first class of six young men are under tuition with General John Eaton as President, and the Rev. R.G.McNiece D.D., and Rev.Geo.D. Sweazy A.M., Professors. The times have been so hard that we have not attempted to put up any building but are using a building which the Presbyterian ladies of Pennsylvania erected in Salt Lake for the use of our Home Mission Academy. Our effort now is to raise the salaries of these three men and keep the work going until times revive and God puts it into the heart of some one to contribute money for a building, or endow a professorship or help in other ways. Until this is done we are trusting to annual contributions by those who have become enlightened to the great needs. This fund of $1500 I would like to ~~--~~ ask you to send direct to me as you did last year, as the Home Mission Board have no way of using it for that particular purpose. Your usual contribution for the support of Point Barrow Mission and also for the Hospital at Sitka can go through ~~your~~ the Woman's Home Missionary Society of your Church, to the Board as usual.

I hope you have noticed the encouraging letters which Doctor Marsh has sent down from Point Barrow this fall, which were pub-

lished - some of them, in the New York Evangelist, and I think extracts in the Woman's Home Missionary. He writes that he has organized since he went there a Christian Endeavor society with 114 Eskimo members and at the school house where he holds his church will not admit the numbers that desire to attend church, and hear the Gospel. It is a marvelous work that the most distant field on earth requiring great heroism on the part of the missionaries should be so blessed in spiritual results.

Hoping to see you some hour on Friday, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 22 7.

Mrs. William Thaw,

P. O. Box 1086,

Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Thaw:

It gives me pleasure to be able to send you by Express addressed to you at East Liberty, a box containing a Robe made from the breasts of the Alaska Eagles. When you take it out from the box have your servant give it a good shaking, which causes the down to be fluffy and more attractive.

I secured the sleeper all right on the morning after I saw you and am very much obliged to you for securing it for me.

I leave tomorrow night for Lapland to buy the 600 trained reindeer for drawing food to the miners in the Yukon valley. This will take me three degrees north of the Arctic Circle in mid-winter.

Trusting that you and your children will have a Merry Christmas, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 22 7.

Mrs. E. C. Heizer,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Madam:

Your letter of November 26th has been received. In reply I think a mistake has been made with regard to your transfer to the Government school. I will be in New York this week and will look the matter up and will let you know the result.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 21 7.

Mrs. William Jay Schiefflein,

New York City.

My dear Mrs. Schiefflein:

The time has again come for my annual letter to you in behalf of the Christian College in Salt Lake City. I enclose you a reprint of a series of letters that General John Eaton, the President of the College, wrote for the "Christian Herald". They made the matter so plain that they have been thrown into this pamphlet form for wider distribution.

The College proper opened last fall with six students in the college department and I am not sure as to the number but think some 60 or 70 in the academic or preparatory department. We have been unable to secure money these hard times for the erection of any building but are calling upon our friends as I do upon you for an annual contribution for the payment of salaries and incicendal expenses. There are three salaries that I am obliged for, that of the President, Dr. John Eaton, the Rev. Dr. R.G. McNiece, and George B. Sweazy, A.M., Professors. They are teaching in a building which was erected by Christian ladies of Pennsylvania for the use of the Presbyterian Mission Academy at Salt Lake. The Mormons since they

were admitted into statehood have been very insolent and very energetic in trying to convert the American people to their way of thinking. They claim to have 1300 missionaries in the United States and to have baptized over 10,000 converts during the past year.

I hope that God has so prospered you and yours that you will be able to continue your contribution of $25 or more for this purpose. And when convenient will be much obliged to receive a check for the same from yourself.

With kind regards I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 21 7.

Mrs. Helen Sinclair Robinson,

Makaweli-Kauai,

Hawaiian Islands.

My dear Mrs. Robinson:

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I hope that God has so prospered you and yours that you will be able to continue your contribution of $100 a year for this purpose. And when convenient will be much obliged to receive a check for the same from yourself and also your brother, who gave last year for the first time.

Kind regards to your niece.

Very truly yours,

W. Lee Jackson

December 21 7.

Mr. Francis Gay,

Honolulu, Hawaii Islands.

My dear Mr. Gay:

The time has again come for my annual letter to you in behalf of the Christian College in Salt Lake City. I enclose you a reprint of a series of letters that General John Eaton, the President of the College, wrote for the "Christian Herald." They made the matter so plain that they have been thrown into this pamphlet form for wider distribution.

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I hope that God has so prospered you and yours that you will be able to continue your contribution of $50 a year for this purpose. And when convenient will be much obliged to receive a check for the same from yourself. With kind regards I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 21 7

Mrs. C. C. Hine,

137 Broadway, New York City.

My dear Mrs. Hine:

I have been under such pressure in the increased work in Alaska brought about by the rapid increase of our white population and the gold mines, that I have scarcely known which way to turn; but while head and heart have been absorbed with Alaska matters I have not been able to throw off from my mind the solicitude I feel for the work in Utah. It is the stormy center of our mission work and the greatest menace to the perpetuation of our republican institutions. I therefore come to you to see if you cannot continue the $100 which your good husband was accustomed to give towards the establishment and support of our Christian College in Utah.

Sine the Mormons have been admitted to statehood they have been very insolent and very energetic in trying to convert the American people to their way of thinking. They claim to have 1300 missionaries in the United States and to have baptized over 10,000 converts during the last year.

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I hope that God has so prospered you and yours that you will be able to continue your contribution of $100 a year for this purpose. And when convenient will be much obliged to receive a check for the same. With kind regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

December 22 7.

Mr. John Wanamaker,

Private Office,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Wanamaker:

Yours of December 21st is received. Doctor Roberts writes me that you will not be needed on the committee to select delegates for the Seventh Council of the Presbyterian Alliance of Churches, as the committee will not meet until I return from Europe. He will notify you when necessary to act as a committee on arrangements for the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Westminster Standards.

Very truly yours,

Charles Jackson

Dr Wm H. Roberts
1334 Chestnut St.

December 22 7.

Messrs. Gatchell & Manning,

33 South Sixth Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find my check for $3.96 , your bill. The electrotype is received by Express. Please return me my receipt for the same.

Very respectfully yours,

Lucien Jackson

Enclosure

December 22 , 7.

Rev. Charles G. Trumbull, D.D.,

1031 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Doctor:

Referring to yours of September 17th asking for an article in January for the "Sunday School Times" permit me to say that I have just been ordered to proceed to Lapland to purchase the 600 trained reindeer needed by the Government for the relief of the miners in the Yukon valley. This unexpected call of course stops all work and will prevent my sending you an article for the Times in January, as requested. Allow me to return you the check which you sent for the same. I hope, however, later in the season to be able to supply you with the article needed.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Enclosure

December 22 7.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D.,LL.D.

1334 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Doctor Roberts:

Yours of the 21st instant received. I presume now that I will be back by the middle of February and consequently recall the appointment of Mr. Wanamaker on the committee for the selection of delegates to the Seventh Council, as I will probably be able to be present myself. When you wish,however, to confer with him about the selection of speakers to take the place of the principals please call upon him.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 5 8.

Miss Olga Hilton,

Industrial School,

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Friend:

Yours of december 30th enclosing fifteen dollars ($15.) for Lottie's fare, is received; it came some time ago but was awaiting my return from Lapland.

What about your brother; is he still on Puget Sound or have you sent him on to Carlisle; or do you wish me to get Captain Pratt to send for him?

In haste,

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Special Agent, &c.

March 5 8.

Miss Carrie E. Bigelow,

Care Nelson D. White & Sons,

Winchendon Springs, Massachusetts.

My dear Madam:

Yours of January 8th enclosing $20 for work in Alaska was awaiting my return from Lapland. Permit me to thank you very much for the amount. I hope that you will follow it with your prayers. Any sum that you may wish to send to Mr. Lopp, Cape Prince of Wales, you can send by check on a Boston Bank payable to his order; it can be mailed to W. T. Lopp, Cape Prince of Wales, care of S. Foster & Company, No. 26 California Street, San Francisco. Or if you prefer, you can send it to our care and we will forward it.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 5 8.

Mrs. Helen Sinclair Robinson,

Makaweli, Kawai,

Hawaiian Islands.

My dear Mrs. Robinson:

Yours of January 24th enclosing $150 for Christian work in Utah came during my absence in Lapland, where I was sent by the U. S. Government to purchase reindeer and secure drivers for drawing food from the Ocean in Southeast Alaska to the destitute miners in the Klondike and Yukon valleys. I enclose you a copy of my report to the Secretary of War, which will give you some idea of my journey. I fully recognize the many claims you must have upon you in the Sandwich Islands; at the same time will give you information from year to year, but you need not feel under obligations to respond to my calls except when you are so situated that you can do itwithout detriment to other branches of Christian work. The contest with Mormonism is an exceedingly urgent one--more so perhaps than any other work we have in like character in the United States. Please allow the friend in Honolulu who sends the $50 to read this letter.

Enclosure.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 5 8.

To the Secretary Board of

Home Missions,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Sir:

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Rev. J. D. Condit, Juneau, Alaska. I think it is one of those cases in which the Board should help. Will you kindly ascertain what the Board will be willing to do in the matter so that relief can come to the brother.

I greatly regret not being able to call and see you last Tuesday as I intended.

Wishing you great success in your new position, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent, &c.

Enclosure.

March 5 8.

Messrs. Dodd, Mead & Co.,

Publishers,

New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Yours of February 1st, enclosing a remittance was awaiting my return from Lapland. Very much obliged for the same.

Very truly yours,

S. Weldon Jackson

March 5, 8.

Mrs. William Thaw,

P. O. Box 1086, Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Thaw:

I have just returned, as you have probably seen in the papers, from Lapland, and find the enclosed call for help. I shall try to send Mr. Condit a small check myself, and thought that you would like to have a hand in helping a very worthy Missionary.

You can either send a check to me , of what is probably better, mail it direct to Mr. Condit. You will perhaps recognize Mr. Condit as the former Pastor of your proteges Rev. & Mrs. Gambell at St. Lawrence Island.

Hoping you are well I remain

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Special Agent &c.

Enclosure.

March 5 8

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D., LL.D.,

1319 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Doctor Roberts:

Yours of March 4th is received, and in accordance with your suggestion I have appointed Rev. John Eaton, LL.D., a member of the Assembly's Committee on Synodical Home Missions. He will be present on next Thursday morning in New York.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 5 8.

The American Surety Company of New York,

100 Broadway, New York City.

Sirs:

Your two notices from the accounting department of December 21st and February 15th are received, with reference to the estate of Elisha Sanderson, deceased. They were awaiting my return from Lapland. I send them to-day to Mr. H. C. Olin, Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, for payment. I am very sorry for the delay.

Respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

March 5 8

Mr. H. C. Olin,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I find the enclosed bills awaiting my return to Washington, which I send to you for payment. Will you kindly have one of your Clerks make a typewritten copy of the Will of Elisha Sanderson, and mail the same to me? I was detained so long with Mr. Southard in Brooklyn on Tuesday last that I was unable to come to the office as expected.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

2 enclosures.

March 7th 8.

Mrs. James McWhinnie,

510 Tremont Temple, Boston.

Dear Madam:

If they can be spared, will you please be so kind as to send me 24 copies of the Home Mission Echoes for January, 1898. We are frequently asked for information with regard to the work that the Baptist Church is doing in Alaska and these will help in sending the information desired. I enclose an official mailing slip which may be used in sending them.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Enclosure.

Congratulate you on
getting out so interesting a
Number —

March 7th 8.

Mrs. H. C. M'Cabe,

Delaware, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

If they can be spared, will you please be so kind as to send me 24 copies of The Woman's Home Missions for January, 1898. We are often asked for information with regard to the work of the Methodist Church in Alaska, and these will aid in sending the information desired.

I enclose an official mailing slip which may be used in sending them.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

General Agent.

Enclosure.

Congratulate you on getting
over to your 2 members

March 9 8.

Mrs. George Norcross,

Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

My dear Sister:

Yours of the 8th instant is received. I would advise you to put your business into the hands of A. L. Hawley as he feels that his honor is involved and will push the matter through. He will probably place the legal portion of it in the hands of his friend H. B. Huntley, whose office adjoins Mr. Hawley's, so that whether you write to the one or the other is practically the same.

I was at Philadelphia yesterday on a committee meeting of the Assembly to appoint delegates to the next Pan-Presbyterian Council and saw that your husband was duly appointed to the same.

Much love to the family.

Very truly your brother,

March 10 8.

Rev. F. L. Patton, D.D.,
Princeton,
New Jersey.

My Dear Mr. Patton:

Upon my return from Lapland I am gratified to hear that you have accepted the invitation of the General Assembly to write a paper for the Assembly's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Westminster's Standards.

Permit me to respectfully express the wish that in the treatment of your subject you may be led in such a manner as to help tone up our Church to a sense of greater need for a baptism of the Holy Spirit. We have one of the strongest and wealthiest churches on earth, with all the machinery necessary to do the Lord's work; but some how or other we are not accomplishing what we should. I think we all recognize the need of a new baptism and a fresh consecration of the powers of individual Christians to the Lord. Can we not make this Memorial meeting at the next Assembly the beginning of such a blessing? I am sure if the speakers have that in mind it will have a very great effect upon the country. Joining with you in prayer that we may have such a blessing, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Charles Jacobus

Moderator.

March 10 S.

Rev. Dodge Northrop, D. D.,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Brother:

I am very unexpectedly ordered off to Southeast Alaska to be absent for about five weeks. That is dangerously near the time of meeting of the General Assembly and I do not see how it is possible for me to get the data that I wish for my sermon in the opening of the Assembly. I send you my notes on the sermon. Can you not take and fill them out for me; or at least get the information so that I can throw it together in a short time when I return. I think that I have written the sermon far enough to give you an idea of my plan. I purpose to show that the Presbyterian Church in the United States as well as the other churches had a providential beginning; the whole history of the civilization of the continent shows that God has some special work; then as you see that I go to show that the Presbyterian Church is the ablest and strongest church of all the Presbyterian churches on this continent; that we not only have the most intellectual part of the Church but the wealthiest part; that we have thorough and efficient organization and that all that lacks is the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

How I dislike to add to your many duties with your poor health

but if you can hunt up for me names of leading men from the different European branches of the Presbyterian Churches who were prominent merchants, lawyers, jurists, judges, and men of affairs that have been members of the Presbyterian Church and throw the whole thing in shape for me you will confer a very great favor.

Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Roberts, stated clerk of the Assembly, has offered to send a list of names from the various European Pres. Churches who were prominent in our early American history.

Please write him for such list as he can send and it will lighten your labors of investigation.

With much love to the family I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

March 10 8.

Hon. John Eaton, LL.D.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother:

You will be surprised to hear that I am off for Alaska. When I return to the city if convenient get some Congressman to call for the publication of my Report to the Secretary of War.

I hope to be back in about five weeks.

Very respectfully yours,

April 26, 1888.

Rev. D. H. Dulles,

Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

It is my present intention to attend the closing exercises at Princeton Seminary May 10th, and if the executive committee wish me to make a brief speech at the alumni dinner I am willing to try, but wish to warn you in time that after dinner speeches is not my fort. The lines of my work and life have been so hard as to crush out the humor that is necessary to make a jolly speech.

Truly yours,

Theodore Cuyler

April 27, 1898.

Rev. T. S. Bailey, D. D.,

209 1st Avenue West,

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

My dear Dr. Bailey:

It would afford me very great pleasure to attend the great missionary rally of the Presbyterians of Iowa at Des Moines June 21-24 and make one or more addresses, but shall be denied that pleasure, as at that time I will be in the neighborhood of Bering Straits if present plans carry. The work in Alaska requires my going there immediately upon the close of the General Assembly. I have very pleasant recollections of the brethren in Iowa and my connections with them in the days of '69 and '70. Wishing you the blessing of the Spirit upon the Convention, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Sheldon Jackson

April 27, 1898.

Mr. E. H. Hart,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find $2.50 membership fee for 1898.

Yours very respectfully,

Schulze Clerk

April 27, 1898.

Dr. Clarence Thwing,

Ft. Wrangel, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find 20 cts., my subscription for the Northern Light for another year.

Yours very respectfully,

H. Clay Ackerman

4770.

April 27, 1898.

Miss M. Katharine Jones,

Box 156, Madison Square Branch P. O., New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The sixty slides have arrived in good condition. I am glad that they did good service. I return an extra slide which does not belong to Doctor Jackson.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Agent.

April 28, 1897.

Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D., LL.D.,

Witherspoon Building,

1319 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Yours of April 26rd is received and contents noted. So far as I understand the various items of business to which you refer your action meets with my approval. I expect to go to Princeton May 10th, and can visit Philadelphia going or returning. I may have occasion to go to N. Y. earlier and if so can call then. As soon as any thing turns up that will lead my way I will write you. I think the agent connected with Minute or with any other else who may wish to disturb your relations while leaving the other clerk undisturbed will find that they have attempted a rather difficult job.

Yours very truly,

Charles Hodge

April 28th 8

My dear Mrs Henderson

Yours of the 2d was
Waiting my return from Alaska on
the 26th and I at once telegraphed
you. I now have the pleasure
of loaning you the following cuts
which are sent by Registered Mail
Reindeer Herd
" Milking
" Loading on "Bear"
Kjellmann & Lapps
St Lawrence Island School House
Bethel Mission (Kilbuck's Home)
Esquimaux in Furs
40 Mile Creek Village, Yukon River.
Please return the Electros to the Bureau
of Education when you are through
with them. Kind remembrances
to your Husband & dear Lorene
In haste
Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Curios from St. Lawrence Island.

Sack of ivory,

Canoe - skeleton.

Armor - bundle.

Box. No. 1.

Bird skins.

Box No. 2.

Hocsa, poke, dog harness, bone from calf, whale, toy harpoon, ball, old meat knife, fish spear, toe corks for ice, ivory wrist guard, bow string, intestine scraper, ivory string of toys, fox skulls, paddles, work basket (?), muffler, botanical specimens, eggs, hook-fish, comb-grass in boots, native checkers, wooden dishes, and a tobacco pouch.

Box No. 3.

Fancy snow coat, hunters bag for cartridges, doll, summer boots - woman, summer breeches - woman, summer coat - man, bird skin coat, and drum.

Box No. 4.

Two seal skins for mounting.

Anvik, June 17, 1897.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

In account with

Pickarts and Hendricks.

Invoice to Box No. 1.

To

1 Model house - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $1.00

1 Fancy woven grass sack - - - - - - - - - .50

1 Plain woven grass sack - - - - - - - - .30

1 Plain woven grass basket- - - - - - - - .15

2 Pr. Fancy woven grass socks - - - - 1.00

2 Pr. Fancy fish skin boots( )2.00

1 Pr. Plain fish skin boots - - - - - - - .50

1 Pr. Child's fish skin boots - - - - - - .25

1 Fish skin arrow quiver - - - - - - - - 1.00

1 Fish skin pouch of snuff ashes - - - -.15

1 Fish skin Parky-woman, fancy - - - - 1.50

4 Fish skin house-wives (assorted) - - -.50

12 Fish skin bags (assorted) - - - - - -3.00

1 Skein fish skin thread - - - - - - - - -.05

1 Pr. " " socks - - - - - - - - - .25

1 Pr. " " pants - womans - - - - - .50

1 Pr. " " moccasins - - - - - - - - -.25

1 Pr. " " mittens - - - - - - - - - -.25

1 Pr. " " gloves - - - - - - - - - .25

2 Pr. woven socks, of guney sack - - $.50

2 Pr. deer skin mittens - - - - - - - -1.50

1 Pr. deer skin gloves - - - - - - - - - -.75

1 Pr. " " boots - childs - - - - -.50

2 Belts of Deer's teeth - - - - - - - -2.00

1 Belt of beads - - - - - - - - - - - - -1.25

1 Belt of cotton - - - - - - - - - - - - -.50

1 Belt of Badger claws - - - - - - - - 1.00

9 Fur sacks and pouches - assorted - 2.00

1 Bead ornamented house-wife - - - - - -.25

1 Amulet box - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -.25

1 Spool fiber spun net twine - - - - - -.25

1 Fiber dip net (King Salmon) - - - - .60

1 Fiber gill net (Dog Salmon) - - - -1.75

6 sets iron wire wristlets - - - - - - -.25

1 set beaver teeth anklets - - - - - - -.25

1 set labrets - stone - - - - - - - - - .10

1 set fire sticks - - - - - - - - - - - .75

1 set grass dog-harness - - - - - - - -1.00

1 bone comb - - - - - - - - - - - - - - .05

1 stone skin-scraper - - - - - - - - - .10

2 stone axes - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1.00

1 doll with winter costume - - - - - - -.25

$30.25

ODDIOS FOR OMAHA EXPOSITION,

Purchased by W. T. Lopp,

Cape prince of Wales,

Alaska.

	Antlers and Deer Skin (for mounting) from C. P. of W. Herd.	$2.00
1 Bale	Seal and Beluganet	1.50
	2 Pokes	.80
	1 pr. snow and slush ice shoes	.25
1 Bundle	1 Slab Whale Bone 3 1/2 lbs.	3.50
	2 Duck Spears and Handle	.65
	1 Kyak Seal Spear	.25
	1 Walrus Spear	.80
Box. NO.1	4 Mastodon Teeth	.25
	8 prs. boots	1.50
	1 "Idl-hok" (for hooking dead seals)	.40
	1 Stone Lamp	.60
	2 Mastodon Bones and Reindeer Moss	1.00
	1 Mastodon Tusk	1.00
	Coil of Thong and Spear Point (for Walrus spear)	.85
	Tin Pail (made of cans)	.15
	Model House (should be banked) and covered with earth about an inch	1.25
	Child's Toy Sled (made of jaw bone of seal)	.15
	Boy's Bow and Arrows	.20
	1 Whale's Jaw Bone (when sawed is used for soling sleds	1.50
		13.10

Names and Uses of Articles in Box of Curios Sent to Sheldon Jackson.

1. Squirrel skin "Parka" (for men).

2. " " " (for women).

3. Womens long deerskin boots.

4. "Gossbruk" (rain coat) made from intestines of seal or white whale.

5. Seal skin tanned and ready for use as Bidarka cover.

5. Bidarka paddle.

6. Wooden helmet, ivory trimmed, worn when hunting on water.

7-8-9-10. Straw baskets.

11-12. Wooden dish (kantuk) and ladel.

13. Muskrat skins from upper Nushagak River.

14. Five ground squirrel skins; used for making pashas and caps(2 tanned, 8 untanned.)

15. Native dance in ivory.

16. Three pronged hurling spear used for hunting geese and ducks.

17. Two straight hurling spears, used for hunting seal.

18-19. Bows for man and boy.

20. Small arrows, used for small game.

21. Arrow used to kill sea-otter.

22. Three-man Bidarka with tent poles and hurling spear.

23. Two-man Bidarka.

24. Salmon-skin water boots.

25. Grass socks, worn in boots.

26. Kyack with extra paddles and spear, also stowing-hook used for pushing goods to and pulling from extreme ends of Kyack.

27. "Bidara" or open skin boat used for family travelling.

28 Miniature snow shoes.

29. Skin canoe.

30. Watch Chains, knife, fork and sopon carved out of walrus ivory.

31. Miniature dog team.

32. Spear point and sheath.

Moravian Mission,

Carmel, Alaska.

1897. Dr. Sheldon Jackson. Dr.

June 21. To one long box curios -

Contents.

1 Mens Parka - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -4.25

1 womens Parka - - - - - - - - - - - - - -4.00

1 pr. Womens Boots - - - - - - - - - - - -3.00

1 Gasbrak (rain coat) - - - - - - - - - - 1.20

1 seal skin - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -1.00

1 Helmit - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 2.50

1 Paddle - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - .25

4 Grass baskets - - - - - - - - - - - - - .60

5 Sq. skins - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - .20

1 Native Dance ivory - - - - - - - - - - -4.50

1 Three Prong Spear - - - - - - - - - - - .50

2 Husling spear - - - - - - - - - - - - - .50

2 Bows - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -1.25

5 Arrows - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - .50

1 Three Hole Bidarka - - - - - - - - - - -2.50

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Fish skin boots and grass socks	$.50
1 Two hole bidarka	1.50
1 one hole bidarka	1.00
1 Bidassa	1.25
2 Pr. snow shoes	.50
1 Bidassa	.50
1 Sleigh and 7 dogs, ivory	.90
2 muskrat skins	.10
Kantak and spoon	.30
8 watch chains, ivory	3.75
Knife, fork and spoon, ivory	1.00
Total	10.00

Please pay to our Board or Treasurer Rev. Robt de Schweinitz,
Bethlehem, Pa.

- J. H. S.

A. H. Karlsen,

Unalaklik, Alas.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

The following is a list of curios that I have procured and boxed up for you:

Box. No. 1.

1. Talugat, fish trap.
2. Tagulak, snow shoes.
3. Aranak atigo, diminution of women s Parka.
4. Ehisak, Kiak used at Noatok and Kotzebue Sound.
5. Kiak, used for seal hunting round Northern Sound.
6. Kararut, arrows.
7. Pisixek, bow.
8. Mangeak, protection for the wrist.
9. Aranangok, doll.
10. Mannat and anantarak, fish line and killing stick for tom cod.
11. Mannak, fish line.
12. Mannak, fish line.
13. Niksirat, fish line for blue fish.
14. Aheratt, ball.
15. Polaren, shovel.
16. Nujakpit, bird spear.
17. Saverat, bird spear.
18. Oapon, Whale spear.
19. Nanaitpit, seal spear.
20. Nindlipit, seal spear.

21. Ningitpit, seal spear.

22. Neokton, drilling tool.

23. Quaret, Siberian sled.

24. Onet, Malimut sled.

25. Asigautit, a tool the seal hunters use to scratch in the ice with to make the same noise as the seal.

26. Kautak, ladle.

27. Kautak, ladle.

28. Kimaraun, a dipper for taking out the ice from the fishing hole.

29. Nasabaluk, bathing cap.

30. Kaloren, bone dipper.

31. Kinarok, mask of a man. The whale in his mouth signifies that the man with that mask wants to eat whale meat.

33. Kanik, kinarok, wolverine mask.

34. Kinasok, mask of a man. The tom cod in the mouth signifies that the man with that mask wants to eat frozen meat.

35. Amaret pogodak, root basket.

36. Kisentak, bag made of tom cod teeth.

37. Nasahak amak, hat made of roots.

38. Angon atigi, diminution of men's Parka.

39. Silangak, rain coat.

40. Areelik, the chief's dancing mittens.

41. Quinwik, big ivory pipe.

42. Isarevik, sewing bags.

43. Tsamiulit, tobacco bager.

44. Ivoroksin, root pick.

45. Oliman, stone axe.

46. Equne, taning tool.

47. Tattenegam neook, cran feet.

48. Nalshoveak, slippers.

49. Nexik mannuk, fish line and hook for white fish.

50. Ibiggit atulak, straw socks.

Box No. 2.

3 Utkosik, clay pots.

1 Nannik, stone lamp.

1 Agomak, basket.

2 Ojarak, stones from Siberia.

Box No.8,or Barrel.

No. 1.Agomak, basket, and in the same are packed -

2 Meluskonik, snuff boxes containing native Menskati.

2 Ojamik, needle cases.

2 Ivorolik, ear rings.

2 Coloon, finger rings.

55 Naktorit, buttons.

2 Totak.

1 Onet, sled made of bone.

2 Mitugovik, cigar tips.

2 Illagotit, combs.

1 Pablokaravit, caps case.

2 Kiak, made of bone.

No.2.Ajopkat, oblong wooden box and in the same are packed -

3 Quinwik, ivory pipes. On one are engraved the mission station and the arrival of the Lapps.

8 Ibslarovik, bag made of otter feet.

8 Ojamik, fetiches.

1 Cokoblik, whale tail (unfinished) worn by the man who kills the whale when out hunting.

1 Asigautit, described in the preceding part.

1 Aranik, black whale made of ivory.

2 Ibagosin, forks.

Box No. 3, or barrel.

1 Alutak, spoon.

3 Negim, tools for net over.

1 Neohton, drilling tool.

4 Cognin, bone knives.

1 Sanik, stone knife.

1 Kerelutak, a tool of stone to tintie knots with.

5 Olo, chopping-knives of stone.

2 Napaksin, ivory blocks.

1 Cokian, tooth pick.

No. 3.Kajokton, oblong wooden bucket.

4.Katanok, round wooden bucket.

5.Tomnarank, wooden bowl.

6.Kaloren, wooden dipper.

7.Kinarok, mask of the water spirit.

8.Oliman, stone axes.

9.Equne, tool for tanning skin.

10. Kararaaksulit, a reloading tool.

11. Walshoneak, slippers.

12. Yororak, seal skin boots.

13. Kamisolgahak, lady water boots.

14. Atingak, Man's low fur boots.

15. Anut, dog harness.

16. Kilaktut, straw mats.

17. Karigi, counsel house.

18. Isigak, eye protector.

19. Toglosok, small wooden box.

20. " " " "

21. Sanjak, drum.

22. Kigilivaung Kiguta, mammoth teeth.

23. Tosak, large walrus tusk.

27. Niek Cobera, net for seal catching made of thong.

Box. No. 4.

One large sized Counsel house.
In canvas wrapping -
One Omiak, large size skin boat for travelling.
One Kilaktut timjat, bird skin mat.

Anvik, June 17, 1897.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson

In account with Pickarts and Hendricks.

Invoice to Box No. 8.

To
1 drum - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $1.00
1 Model House - - - - - - - - - - -1.00
1 Set dancing rings - - - - - - - - -.25
1 Small mask - - - - - - - - - - - .10
1 Large broad-knife - - - - - - - - .75
1 Small " " - - - - - - - - -.25
1 Large curved knife - - - - - - - .50
1 Small " " - - - - - - - .25
1 Bone Cutter - - - - - - - - - - -.25
3 Awls and stone - - - - - - - - - .75
1 Large mat - - - - - - - - - - - 1.50
1 Knife sheath - - - - - - - - - - .25
1 Wooden box - - - - - - - - - - - .75
5 Plain plates - - - - - - - - - -1.50
3 Painted -"- - - - - - - - - - - 1.50
2 Inlaid " - - - - - - - - - - -3.50
2 Door mats - - - - - - - - - - - -.75
1 Bow and 6 arrows - - - - - - - -2.00
1 Long throwing spear with handle - .25
1 Pr. Woman's snow shoes - - - - -3.00
1 Pr. Man's " " - - - - -3.00

1 Canoe paddle - - - - - - - - - - - - .75

1 Snow shovel - - - - - - - - - - - - -.50

1 Ice scoop - - - - - - - - - - - - - .75

3 Salmon spears - - - - - - - - - - - 1.00

1 Fish Rake - - - - - - - - - - - - - -.25

1 " Pole and line and hook - - -.25

1 model dip-net frame - - - - - - - -.15

3 Model fish traps - - - - - - - - -3.00

1 Model sled - bone - - - - - - - - 1.00

1 Model sled - wood - - - - - - - - -.50

1 Jumping jack - - - - - - - - - - - .15

1 Toy used in dance - - - - - - - - -.25

5 Small wood spoons - - - - - - - - 1.25

1 Wood pail - - - - - - - - - - - - -.75

1 Snuff mixing bowl, pestle & sifter
Sifter - -1.00

1 adz or ax - - - - - - - - - - - - -.75

1 Bone bark peeler - - - - - - - - - .25

1 Earthern lamp - - - - - - - - - - -.25

2 Large masks - - - - - - - - - - - 1.50

1 Doz. Fancy birch bark baskets - 4.00

2 Grass fish sacks - - - - - - - - - .75

1 Birch bark baby basket - - - - - - .25

1 Model canoe- - - - - - - - - - - -1.00

1 Fish skin cap - - - - - - - - - - -.50

1 Earthern jar or cooking pot - - -1.00

1 Pr. deer skin pants - - - - - - - 8.00

1 Fancy suit buckskin (coat, pants and - 12.00

1 Earthern vase jar - - - - - - - - - 1.00

- - - - $31.40 - -

April 30 8.

Rev. C. L. Thompson, D.D.,
Madison Square Branch Postoffice Box 156,
New York City.

My dear Doctor Thompson:

Yours of the 29th is received and I am willing to make an address on Tuesday evening, as you request.

With regard to meeting Mr. Stevenson, I do not see any good to come from it,as it will simply be a question of veracity between him and myself. I do not see how I can come to New York Before I go to Alaska, although I had hoped to do so. I have been kept away so much that my sermon is not yet written and a hundred and one things are pressing upon my attention. I had supposed that Mr. Stevenson's matter was settled as I went over it with your predecessors on two or three occasions. Mr. Stevenson has recently written this Office for a small balance that has not been paid because he declined to make a report. Three-fourths of the salary for that particular year has been paid to him by the government,and when he complies with the terms of the government he will be paid all of itthat is due him. The Board have nothing to do with that year whatever; they directed me officially to remove him and I did

so; then afterwards placed him on the government list as a school teacher and he drew his salary as such---that is all there is to it.

Hoping to meet you at the General Assembly and have a talk with you in regard to Alaska matters, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Wendell Parker

ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST PERMANENT COLONY OF LAPPS IN THE UNITED STATES.

By Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

U.S.General Agent of Education in Alaska.

On the 23d of December last I was appointed by the Honorable the Secretary of War a special agent of the United States Government to proceed to Alaska and procure 500 head of reindeer trained to harness, with the necessary number of expert drivers and herders.

Sailing from New York City on Christmas morning I reached Hammerfest, Norway, nearly five degrees north of the Arctic Circle, on the 12th of January. At that time it was still night, which continued for sixteen days after my arrival, during which time I had no glimpse of the sun.

In the spring of 1894 I had brought to the United States seven Lapp families to take charge of the domestic reindeer that I had commenced introducing into Alaska. These families came under a three years contract, at the expiration of which they were to be returned to Lapland if they so desired. The limit having been reached last fall, four families asked to be returned to their homes which was done.

Upon this trip the purpose was to secure a number of families of Lapps who would come to the United States with the expectation

of making it their permanent home and engage in the raising and training of reindeer in Alaska; consequently I was exceedingly anxious to get a picked set of men. Four of the Lapps that had recently returned from Alaska were employed to go among their countrymen under the direction of William A. Kjellmann, my Norwegian assistant, and select both the reindeer and the Lapps to accompany them. Their journeys to and fro through the country in the prosecution of this work aggregated 3,000 miles of reindeer-travel, and this journey was made in a region from three to four degrees of latitude north of the Arctic Circle and during the Arctic night when the sun does not appear above the horizon from November 18th to January 23d. Three thousand miles of sailing through long reaches of unsettled forests, over storm-swept mountains, and along the edge of dizzy precipices in the darkness of night. It was also made in the middle of the Arctic winter when fearful storms are of frequent occurrence; but notwithstanding all the drawbacks and difficulties the work was accomplished within a month from the time that the order was given to do it.

Five hundred reindeer trained to harness were selected and secured, and 113 emigrants, of whom 78 were Lapps, 25 Norwegians, and 10 Fins, making 68 men, 19 women, and 26 children. Of the women, 16 were married, 6 of them being brides; one bridal company was of the mature age of 40 and 39 years; the youngest couple were 26 and 23 years respectively; the youngest bride was 22 years of age. Among

Big Delta was a Mr. Samuel Jonahmasen Balto, who crossed Greenland with Nansen, for which he received a silver medal from Oscar II, King of Sweden and Norway. There was also in the company Jonan Petter Soalogargo, a Fin, who has the distinction of being the northernmost mail-carrier in the world, having for eight years carries the mail on his back to North Cape, Norway, traveling on skees (Norwegian snow shoes). Among the 63 men are 13 who have had experience in carrying the mail with reindeer teams across the mountains and canons and plains of Arctic Lapland. Among the curiosities of names the scriptural ones are carried by two Fins; one Mr. Samuel Josefsen (Samuel Joseph), and the other Jeremias Abrahamsen (Jeremiah Abraham). These Lapps and Fins can all read and write what else of sufficient age; they are also all members of the Lutheran Church, having been baptized in infancy and confirmed at sixteen years of age, at which time they are allowed by the customs of the Lutheran Church to partake of Communion. I regret to say that although members of the Church, yet some of them are addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors and upon several occasions got drunk while en route to Alaska. It is proposed to establish a temperance society among them and instruct them in our American views with regard to intemperance.

May 6 8.

Rev. S. S. Wilson, D.D.

Presbyterian Banner,

Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Brother Wilson:

I send you a type written copy of my sermon. Please have it put in type and proof read with care, mistakes corrected, and then send me, if convenient, 15 or 20 galley proofs of the same that I can send to other papers.* Of course it is understood that the Banner containing the sermon will not be mailed so as to reach the Assembly and Commissioners before the sermon is delivered. There was considerable comment last year that the Commissioners read the sermon in advance of the Assembly.

I regret that you are a member this year, and have placed your name among the Memorial of the 250th Assembly for reading [illegible]

[illegible] to your wife and daughter.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

* Send as promptly as possible

May 6, 1898.

To the Honorable

The Secretary of War.

Sir:

I have the hono to report that in arranging with the commanding officer of the Departmentof the Columbia for the care of the Lapp herders and drivers and their families connected with the recent reindeer expedition it was necessary to secre a Norwegian to act as interpretor and to take the general oversight ofthe women and children which were left at Fort Townsend Barracks until hey could be sent to their destination in May or June by ship. I selected for that purpose Mr. Regnor Dahl and placed him in charge. I would respectfully recommend that you direct the commanding offiser of that department to allow Mr. Dahl rations and $50 a month for his services to date from march 16th when he commenced work. In the same way it became necessary to secure an interpretor and superintendent for the balance of the party who were to go into the interior of Alaska with the reindeer. I selected for that position Mr. Hedley E. Redmyer. I

would respectfully recommend that the commanding officer of the Department of Columbia be directed to place him also on the pay list at $50 a month and rations, to commence from March 16th when he was employed. The pay of both of these men and rations to be taken from the special relief fund the same as the Lappe are paid.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

May 11th 8

Northwestern Investment Co
Endicott Building. St Paul
Minn

Dear Sir

Please send me the amount
of taxes due on our St Paul property
& I will send you Check for the
same. Yours Truly

Hamden Jackson

Have not received the deed, which
the Salem made out to me to
convey lots in St Paul in 1876.

Also have not received the mortgage
which the Salem agreed to make
out to me on the property in 1876

Kindly advise me the amount
due the property & send to Salem Iowa & it
shall be forwarded to you. Is it
about the Undivided 1/4 & 2 & the other parties
joint use? Do they pay their share of the
taxes?

Taxes for 1897 on following Property.

South St Paul. Lot 21 Blk 3 & Park Div no 6
" Lots 1.2.3. Blk 4 " " " " " 1
" " 9.10.11. " 2 " " " " 1
" " 6.7.8.9.10.11 " 3 " " " " 1

Lot 6. Blk 18. 2nd Division Kensington Park

Lot 10 Trinder's Terrace & Capers subdivision of Blk 1. Trinder's add to St Paul

South 10 rods of Lot 7 & of 25 in Block 7 Thorne's Park Addition to St Paul

All undivided ¼ of the S.E ¼ of N.W ¼ of sec 23 T 28 N of Rang 22, S.W ¼ of N.E ¼ sec 23 T 28 N of R 22 W (64 acres)

Lots deeded by Bishop Kirkland to Mrs Jackson. Have never received the description Promised to send me book & page &c. Lost it up.

Yours &c
T. C. Robertson

May 10th 8

Mr H.B. Hunter
Seattle. Wash

Dear Sir

Does Messrs W.D. Wood & Hawley Continue their real Estate business since going into Alaska transportation?

If so, Kindly give them the enclosed list of lots upon which I am paying taxes in defaut of the Pacific Land Guild & Investment Co - ~~Perhaps they~~ ~~would better inquire~~. They can write me. "Care of Treas. Spokane, ~~Wash~~ Eagle Lake. Marion Indiana" giving me the amount of taxes due & I will remit a Check for the same by return mail - I expect to be in Seattle in June If Messrs Wood & Hawley will give out of the business, please present this letter over to the City Treasurer & ask him to write me

Yours Truly

Marion Meeks

Seattle. Washington

Lots 10. 11 & 12 Blk 18 Dewey's Addition
Lot 5. Blk 5. B. F. Day's Eldorado
" 12 " 59 Lake Union add
" 1 to 20 inclusive Blk 14 Lake Union 2nd add
" 18 to 23 " Blk 2 Wrocni Division Greenlake
" 18 to 23 " " 3 " " " "
" 17 to 24 " " 6 " " " "
" 1 to 8 " " 2 Pitney's 2nd Division " "

Mortgaged by Green Lake Home Building
and Guarantee Co. Seattle.

Voucher 6

Voucher 7

Voucher 8

Voucher 9

Voucher 10

Voucher 11

Voucher 12

Voucher 13

Voucher 14

10 20 50

Haines, Alaska.

April 28, 1898.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.,

Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor:

When you were here I spoke to you about the way Mr. Murry at Pyramid Harbor tore down or moved native houses that he might get a clear title to certain lands located about the Pyramid Harbor cannery and you promised to see to it at that end if I would write you the facts. The facts follow.

From time unknown before the white man came to this country there was a native summer or hunting village of several houses located at the very place from which Mr. Murry moved twelve (12) houses last summer without the knowledge or consent of the owners.

All of the buildings were badly damaged, doors, windows, floors, roofs, etc. gone from some of them and one house entirely demolished. Mr. Murry refused to pay any damages or to make good lost blankets, tools, dishes, etc. etc. which were lost as the moving was done, when all owners were away except

one old woman. The buildings were not put upright when they were left at their new locations. All buildings were crowded together, so that to most of them no means of exit is left.

All of the natives without exception are much dissatisfied with the present location of the buildings and want the privilege of putting their houses back on the old sites and want damages.

This moving took place about the first to middle of June, 1897.

A criminal suit grew out of it instituted by Mr. Murry against Walter Shaterich for assault. The record of this together with the story of the moving of the Shaterich house at Pyramid Harbor you may find on the records of the U. S. Commissioner at Juneau for June, 1897.

This is one of the most high handed deeds I have ever known and I hope you will call the attention of the Land Office to it.

I stand ready to prove every thing in court.

Please inform me what steps are necessary for the natives to take in order to recover the property and Mr. Murry took from them.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) W. W. Warne,

Haines, Alaska.

THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

ITS POSITION, OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

Deuteronomy 2 : 31.

"Begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit the land."

It is not without significance that America should have remained hidden from the civilized world until the close of the 15th Century.

For ages history had recorded in brick and stone, on papyrus and parchment the rise and growth, the decay and fall of nations in Asia, Africa and Europe; but the story of America remained a blank; its very existence unknown.

The Church of God which in patriarchal days was established in the family of Abraham, and during the old Testament dispensation was confined to his seed, with the coming of Christ was thrown open to "every kindred and tongue and people and nation."

At first creeping along the shore of the Mediterrean to Rome, it spread over all Europe. But everywhere it was more or less complicated with and trammeled by the State, and occasionally used by the State for the oppression of the people. Even the great Reformation of the 16th Century was more or less political in its aims and methods. Heathen or Christian, there had always been

in the religions of the world a connection between Church and State The custom of ages so entrenched itself in men's minds that it did not occur to them there could be a better way. And yet while this connection existed it was impossible for the Church to secure an environment suitable to its highest development; an environment that would give the widest freedom and make possible a "free Church in a free State." To secure this it was necessary to get out from under the influence of the past; to find a new land where ancient customs were not intrenched; where entangling alliances with the State could be thrown off --- a new land where the Church could go back to the spirit of Christ and start anew in the conquest of the world. Such a land had God reserved for such a time. He had also prepared a Church to take possession of it.

Even before the Reformation God was preparing the way for it. Th New Learning passed over Europe like the breath of God. The discovery of printing had multiplied Bibles, that increasing numbrs could have and study the Word of God in their own homes. This developed intelligent and independent thinkers. Then came the Reformation (1517) to quicken the Word, warm the heart, and convert the life; to prepare a special people for the new land and the new departure in church life. Then as persecutions arose, that the early Church might be scattered abroad preaching the Word; so there arose the persecutions of Charles IX. and Louis XIV. in France, Philip 2d and his cruel agent, the Duke of Alva, in Holland; Henry

VIIIth and Bloody Mary in England; and later Charles 1st and Archbishop Laud in England, Scotland and Ireland, to prepare and make ready the people whom God had chosen to abandon home and country, and journey to a new land where they could worship God with none to molest or make them afraid. Contemporaneous with these movements was the discovery of Columbus. There, beyond the "pillars of Hercules", beyond the "Ultima Thule" of history, beyond even the "Fortunate Islands" of Antiquity, across the unknown waters stood the land which God had hidden for ages, waiting for the fullness of time when a people should be specially prepared to occupy it.

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS.

Then was born a nation in righteousness. The nations of Europe and Asia; the nations of antiquity (except Israel), were born in war and conquest, in blood and ambition; but these United States were founded by those who sought first and foremost a land where they could worship God untrammeled by Kings and Governments - they came not for conquest but for civil and religious liberty.

As the first official act of Columbus was the erection of the Cross of Christ upon the New World, so the first sounds heard by the native races on the shores of America were those of prayer and praise.

"And the sounding aisles of the dim woods rang
With the Anthems of the free."

It is of interest to note in this connection that the first protestant worship in America was by the French Presbyterians, the Huguenots, in 1562 -- and years before the landing of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock.

Many and divers were the nationalities that sought homes in this new land. But those, who principally moulded and shaped affairs -- the pilgrims of destiny and builders of empire, who laid foundations broad and deep for Christ and His Church; foundations which would support the temple of freedom, and through all coming time bless the generations --- the men above all others, in that epoch-making age, who, gathering up the lessons of the past, worked out plans and laid enduring foundations for civil and religious liberty, were the Scotch and Scotch-Irish, Hollanders, Huguenots and Puritans.

At the breaking out of the Revolutionary War the Scotch and Scotch-Irish were the most numerous race in the Colonies, numbering about 900,000, or one-third of the entire population, while the Puritans numbered 600,000, and the Cavaliers 400,000. It is estimated there were 60,000 of them in New Englans alone; and at the time they were the dominant influence in the United States.

For centuries in Scotland and Ireland they had stood as firm as their eternal hills against kingcraft and priestcraft; against Absolutism in State and Church. They endured the rack and thumbscrew in the old Castle at Edinburgh; they were hunted like wild beasts in their mountains; mutilated and branded in their persons,

butchered, drowned,and burned at the stake; but in this fiery furnace of affliction they were learning lessons in political economy, that gave Great Britain the "habeus corpus" act, a free parliament and constitutional liberty. They were in training to found a free republic. And when the time came to establish the foundations of that republic with the sword, no wonder that 12 of the 24 Major-Generals of the American Army, and over one half of the troops should have been Scotch and Scotch-Irish.

True yoke-fellows with them were the Hollanders, whose sturdy faith had been wrought out and manhood developed during those desperate years, when they stood as a wall between Protestantism and its overthrow. A race, who could conquer the sea and successfully withstand the onslaught of a united papal Europe, was surely good material for foundation-stones in free America.

Tha there were the Huguenots, refined and purified and made meet fortheir high calling, to help in laying the foundations of the Churh in this goodly land. By their baptism of suffering in those das when the streets of Paris ran red with the blood of her bestcitizens, they had been made the Apostles of God to other lands. The Huguenots who came to America were the flower of France fom the loss of whom she did not recover for a century. And broters with the Huguenots and Hollanders and Scotch were the Puritams who, driven from their homes by the persecutions of Henry VIII, Quen Mary, and the Stuarts, had sought and found shelter in Holland, ermany and Switzerland, where they sat at the feet of the

the ablest scholars and most advanced thinkers of their age. There they learned those lessons and received that special training which prepared them for their great mission in America.

Thus God sifted out of the three Kingdoms of Great Britain, Holland and France, the choicest material for the New Republic. And through them wove into American life and character the best and highest results of all the past.

It is also worthy of note, that of these four prominent factors in our early American history, three -- the Hollanders, Huguenots, and Scotch and Scotch-Irish, were Presbyterians; and the fourth, the Pilgrim Fathers, held in common with Presbyterians the Calvinistic creed; and many of their children had the Presbyterian system of Ruling Elders, of whom Elder Brewster is a well-known example. These and kindred spirits from other lands, only in smaller numbers were those, whom God in His providence had called out from the ripest civilizations of Europe. Men of the highest ability and learning and character and religious consecration. And to whatever causes the historian or philosopher may ascribe the wonderful migration at an early date of Christian people to America, we must see in it over and above all the Hand of God. It was His Almighty Hand that brought to this land the brave old Hollanders, the Scotch Presbyterians, the English Dissenters, the Irish Calvinists, the quiet Quakers, the glorious Huguenots, the hymn-loving Lutherans,-- the chosen ones of God called out from all lands to take possession of and develop this land for Christ. As the angels looked down on

that historic age they heard

"The tread of pioneers
Of nations yet to be -
The first low wash of waves
Where soon shall roll a human sea."

Gaining a foothold upon the Atlantic seaboard, they gradually extended their settlements into the interior, and as they advanced the wild forests and Indians gave way before them. They overflowed into central and western New York and the Western Reserve; over the Alleghenies into the fertile valley of the Ohio; across the Blue Ridge into Tennessee and Kentucky; across the prairies of Indiana and Illinois into Michigan and Wisconsin; and wherever they went the log church and the log school-house were erected among the rude log homes of the settlers.

As the churches became strengthened, God, by means of the Louisiana purchase (1803) took that mighty empire extending from the Gulf of Mexico, diagonally across the Continent two thousand miles to Puget Sound, out from under French papacy and called upon this Church to "enter in and possess." Hitherto emigration had largely been homegeneous; a number of families going together from one section to another and taking with them their Minister and Schoolmaster. But with the doubling of our area at one bound, the Church felt that former methods were inadequate for such an emergency. In anticipation of this increase of territory the General

Assembly of 1802 created a "Standing Committee of Missions" which in 1816 was made "The Board of Missions."

Scarce had the Church time to grasp the magnitude of the added work before the annexation of Texas, and the close of the Mexican War took out from the blighting influence of Spanish Catholicism (1848) and gave to Protestant control a region over 65,000 square miles larger than the original thirteen States. Once securely under the American flag the marvelous stores of gold and silver in California, Nevada, Utah, Montana and Colorado, were uncovered to an astonished world. Then in 1867 Alaska, whose western limit places San Francisco east of the center of the United States, was taken from the control of Greek Catholicism and laid upon the American Church, and lo! our "Iceberg" astonishes the world by the extent and richness of its gold deposits, and to-day representatives from many lands are flocking into Alaska by the tens of thousands.

This is the Continent which God had reserved for His Church. A land magnificent in its extent, and resources; in its wide range of climate and productions; with skies as brilliant as those of Italy; winter resorts the peer of Cannes, the Riviera and Mentone; waters as healing as those of Carlsbad and Baden-Baden; airs as health-giving as Algiers and Egypt; plains as productive of bread stuffs as the valley of the Nile and the land of Goshen in their palmiest days; mines as rich as ancient Golconda and Ophir; a land

whose possibilities are so great that the wildest visionary has not begun to comprehend the outcome.

"A glorious land,
With broad arms stretched from shore to shore;
The proud Pacific chafes her strand,
She hears the loud Atlantic's roar."

And this is the land which God has given His Church to possess --- to take and to hold as a base of operations for the conquest of the world. Hear His voice saying to the American Churches, "I give you from Ocean to Ocean, from tropical Gulf to frozen North, 'Begin to possess that thou mayest inherit' the land."

How goodly for situation, throned in the midst of the Oceans. Not "a city" but a continent "set on a hill." From its heights the Church of the United States sends out its beacon light eastward to the sacerdotalism and formalism of Europe and the heathenism of Africa, westward to the dead conservatism of Asia, and southward to the benighted millions of the "neglected continent."

Was there ever a better base? Was there ever a stronger leverage for uplifting the race? Was there ever a grander theater for action? And on this vantage ground God has placed the American Christian, the resultant combination of English tenacity, Scotch shrewdness, German steadiness, Celtic vivacity, Dutch sturdiness, Huguenot seriousness and Scandinavian thrift,--- the very best and highest type of character --- a character, that, brought under the

sway of powerful religious motives, "full of faith and the Holy Ghost" becomes invincible in the conversion of the world.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

From the consideration of the American churches in general, let us turn our attention to our own denomination.

While we recognize and admire the dash of the Methodists and the zeal of the Baptists, and the energy of the Congregationalists, the loyalty of the Lutherans, and the stateliness of the Episcopalians; while we recognize most fully all branches of the Church of Christ as our brethren, as different corps of the same grand army; as fighting under the same flag and obedient to the commands of the same leader, yet in this year, during which we are celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Adoption of our Westminster Standards, upon an occasion like this and in such presence, it will not be improper or invidious to give special prominence to our own corps of the Army of Christ.

As American Presbyterians we can thank God and take courage Ours is not a Scotch, Dutch, Irish, Welsh, English, French, Swiss, or German Presbyterian Church, but a union of all of them. As with our american character so with our American Presbyterian Church It is a resultant combination of the very best of the several constituents from which it was originally formed. It has appropriated all that is best in the teachings of the Swiss Reformed Church from Ulrich Zwingle to Philip Schaff -- All that is best in the

Huguenot Church from John Calvin to Robert Baird --- In the Scotch Church from John Knox to John Witherspoon -- In English Presbyterianism from John Wyckliffe to Jonathan Edwards -- All the best from Saint Patrick, Father of Presbyterianism in Ireland, to Francis Makemie, one of the fathers of Presbyterianism in America.

"The soil of Switzerland is in the roots, the blood of Holland is in the veins and the free breath of Scotland in the leaves" of our Presbyterianism that shadows a Continent, and offers gospel shelter beneath its branches for the World's humanity. All lines of progress in civilization, civil liberty and human betterment in the old world, led to and brought forth their richest fruitage in the new. Seeds from the Old World planted in a new soil have grown the largest body of Presbyterians on the globe. There are seventy affiliated branches of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system. The thirteen branches in the United States constitute nearly one half and our own Church one-fifth of the world's Presbyterianism.

IN THE REVOLUTION.

The Presbyterian Church of America gave to the world the American Republic. It was the predominant Church of the Revolution The Baptist Church at that period was few in numbers; the Methodist Church was in its infancy and weak; the Quakers and some of the German churches were non-combatants; and the Established Church of England in the Colonies, sided with the mother country. The

churches that then controled public sentiment and shaped the affairs of State were the Congregationalists of New England, and the Presbyterians of the New England, Middle and Southern States; the Presbyterians greatly outnumbered the Congregationalists; Accordingly more than one half of the officers and soldiers of the American army in the Revolution were Presbyterians.

The Hon. Richard Wright, Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Respesentatives, himself an Episcopalian, declared that "the American War of Independence was a Presbyterian and Scotch-Irish war." Horace Walpole, addressing the English Parliament during the Revolution said, "There is no use crying about it, Cousin America has run off with a Presbyterian Parson and that is the end of it." Our historian Bancroft, writes: "The first voice publicly raised in America to dissolve all connection with Great Britain came not from the Puritans of New England, nor the Dutch of New York, nor the Planters of Virginia, but from the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians." In some of the Presbyteries of that day "it was deemed an offense worthy of discipline for any minister to exhibit British sympathies." Indeed so prominent were Presbyterian influences that both in Europe and America it was popularly spoken of as "the Presbyterian rebellion."

INFLUENTIAL.

As in colonial and revolutionary times, so ever since, the Presbyterian Church has been among the foremost leaders in reform and good government. The tendency of its doctrines being to make brainy, whole-souled and resolute men -- men of affairs, it is not strange that its members are found in the uppermost seats of scientific, professional, commercial, and political life; that it forms the judicial character sought for the supreme and other high courts of the land; that ten times the Nation has turned to the Presbyterian Church for its President.

The Presbyterian Church is a leading Church in liberality; according to the census of 1890 it contributed for missions a larger sum than any other denomination.

ORGANIZATION.

Not only have we been brought into the Kingdom for such a time as this, placed in this favored land, and connected with a church that is one of the leading factors in moulding and controling public sentiment, but we have a church adequately organized for the work before it. Our system of Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods, and Assemblies, gives true representation to the voice of the whole Church. It combines strength with elasticity, and liberty with law; it secures the advantages of federal control, while providing for the full development of the individual member.

Our system of Boards organizes us for active work. The Board

of Publication and Sabbath School Work provides instruction and literature for the children of the Church. As they advance in years the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies provides them with higher instruction, and if they need it, the Board of Education assists in defraying the expenses of that instruction to those who are preparing to become ministers. And when the young men are prepared for the active work of the ministry, the Board of Home Missions stands ready to send them to the weaker churches of the older States, or into the new regions of the land. To those who are called of God to engage in work among the Negroes the Board for Freedmen extends a helping hand. For the maintenance of religious school work among Mountain Whites, Negroes, Mormons, Mexicans, Indians and Alaskans, the Woman's Board of Home Missions is an efficient organization.

That the strong churches may help the weak, and the feeble congregations secure a sanctuary of their own, is the work of the Board of Church Erection; Home Missions, Freedmen, and Church Erection combine to give gospel privileges to every section if this great land. And while the Church remembers the divine command of "beginning at Jerusalem", it is equally loyal to the additional command of sending the Gospel Message "into all the world." For this purpose the Church created the Board of Foreign Missions, with its active auxiliary The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. And last but not least, when the workers have given their strength to the service of the Church and through failing health or the infirm-

ities of increasing years, the veterans are compelled to retire from the active work, the Board of Relief for Disabled Ministers and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers lovingly cares for them.

The Presbyterian Church in the United States has the most complete, efficient and perfect system of organized work in existence.

With the inspiration of its past successes, its present influential and wealthy membership, and its thorough organization it stands to-day the leading Church in the evangelization of America and the world.

NEED OF A NEW BAPTISM.

In the neighboring city of Omaha stands Machinery Hall with wheels innumerable, shafting by the mile, and machines bewildering in their complexity, but all is motionless. They wait the touch of the electric button that communicates power and starts life. Thus the "Boards", the machinery through which the Church works, are in splendid order --- fully equipped and competent to conquer this land and the world for Christ, but they are not doing it; they wait the application of divine power -- the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Not only is the Church not advancing all along the line, but it is not even holding its own. In places it is retreating; needed reinforcements are not furnished; consecrated men and women,

separated by the Holy Ghost for Mission work are not and can not be sent for want of funds. Missionaries who through heroic self-denial have pushed forward the work have been compelled to fall back for want of supplies. Some churches have been closed; some young converts remanded back to heathenism; some native catechists won and trained through years of patience and expense turned adrift; some of the children of the Church in the newer settlements denied gospel privileges are making shipwreck of their souls; some new and growing centers of incluence left without the moulding and restrain ing influence of the gospel and a "remembered Sabbath" are laying the foundations of future socialism and anarchy. Many talents are hid in napkins and buried; in many stewardships are unrecognized and many Christians are robbing God, by withholding a portion of the offerings that are His due; the Church, through her Boards is in debt, and the cry of the Missionaries suffering from deferred payments and reduced salaries ascends before the most High God. The cries of Church Members scattered as sheep without a shepherd--the cries of your children going down to destruction are heard all over the land. They reach to heaven, they are as solemn as eternity.

To your closets, O Church of the Living God! The great and overwhelming need of the hour -- of our Country and Church -- of our souls, is the fresh and immediate baptism of the Holy Ghost --a baptism which shall set every heart on fire of God to possess this land for Christ.

At the close of this century we face a future of great unrest- of reconstruction - of marvelous and rapid changes. And the Church must lead and control these changes or be overwhelmed by them.

"We are living, we are dwelling
In a grand and awful time -
In an age on ages telling
To be living is sublime."

We are living in one of the great crises of the world's history. The age demands consecrated men and women; consecrated time, consecrated energies, and consecrated wealth -- Shall it have them? "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you ot a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

"Begin [illegible] possess, that thou mayest inherit the land."

May 10 8

Rev. R. G. McNiece,

1248 Blaine Avenue,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

My Dear Doctor McNiece:

When I wrote you last week I thought that probably Gen. Eaton would write you more fully than I have time to with regard to the Congregationalists coming in with us in the management of the College. The General is just now pushed for time and so I agreed to write briefly that we not only do not see any objection to the proposed arrangement, but as you set it forth in your letter of the 14th of April it would seem to us a desirable thing to do. As I understand the proposition, it is, that the College retains its present relationship to the Presbyterian Church, its name and incorporation; that all the Congregationalists ask is to have seven trustees out of the eighteen that constitute the Board.

If this arrenagement is fully consummated you can offer my resignation as a trusteeto the Board in order to make room for one of the Congregationalists.

Very truly yours,

May 13 8

Mr. W. C. Campbell,

Winfield, Iowa.

My dear Friend:

If you have sent to Foster & Co. for your supplies with instructions to have them sent to the Boston and Alaska Transportation Company, Seattle, you had better write to that Company also and inform them that you have ordered goods sent to them, said goods to go up with the Government school supplies which have been ordered from this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 13 8.

The Presbyterian Banner,

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Accept thanks for the galley proofs of my sermon, which were safely received yesterday. In the head of the article please cross off the J. My name is not J. Sheldon Jackson, but simply Sheldon Jackson.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 13 8.

Mr. Edward Marsden,

Lane Theological Seminary,

Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Edward:

D. V. I will be present and preach the opening sermon at the General Assembly, and if you find it convenient to be there will be very glad to see you. I also enclose you a check for the money for which you ask. Please sign receipt and mail to me at the General Assembly.

Hoping to have a conference with you about your work I remain,

Very truly yours,

Theodore Jackson

Enclosure.

May 13 8.

Mrs. Alice Palmer Henderson,

23 North Kensington Avenue,

La Grange, Illinois.

My Dear Friend:

Yours of May 9th is received. The electrotype of the house at St. Lawrence Island for which you write is loaned to parties in New York. I will either send you a similar cut, or if I can find it, the illustration. The Unalaska cut is sent you. In a former letter you wrote concerning the mask for Mrs. Senator Davis. You will remember that to save freight and expense it was packed up with the collection for the Omaha Exposition, and I have not seen it yet; consequently I have not delivered it and Mrs. Davis knows nothing of it.

I had hoped to have time to call on Mrs. Davis and explain matters to her. When I pass through Omaha in June I may be able to obtain the mask and send it to her by express.

I expect to leave on Tuesday next for the General Assembly at Eagle Lake near Warsaw, Indiana on the Fort Wayne Road. At the close of the Assembly I will be a few hours in Chicago and will try to arrange a meeting at the Tribune office.

Remember me kindly to your husband and daughter.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 14 E.

Mr. W. H. Beale,

Acting Director, &c.,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Yours of the 13th instant is received. I am much obliged for your promptness.

Enclosed find vouchers signed as requested. In duly you can have a check mailed to me at the Bureau of Education; although I shall not be there at the time it will duly reach me.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

ANNUAL REPORT FROM ALASKA.

Sitka, Alaska, 1897 & '98.

By Sheldon Jackson D.D. L.L.D.

No homes have been provided in Alaska for the care of orphans, old people, deaf and dumb, blind or insane persons. The Governor in report for 1897 says:- "I see no reason why the insane person may be turned into a criminal he can be taken care of otherwise not. A number of sad cases have already occurred. The marshall of each District should have a special fund to draw upon when insane persons come to his care." The bill now pending before Congress provides - "He (the Governor) shall, subject to the direction and approval of the Secretary of the Interior, advertise and receive bids and in behalf of the United States contract for one year with the responsible asylum or Sanitarium west of the Rocky range of the Rocky Mountains submitting the lowest bid for the care and custody of persons legally adjudged insane in said District of Alaska. The cost of advertising for bids executing the contract and caring for the insane to be paid in all otherwise provided by law by the Secretary of the Treasury out of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated on accounts and vouchers duly approved by said governor and the Secretary of the Interior."

The Indians regard an insane person as one possessed of a spirit and stand in awe of him, and he is not often treated harshly but is left to do his will

to lend as he is not dangerous. While these people were addicted to the manufacture of "hoo-chi-noo," or run from molasses, many lost their eye sight from its effects. In the Sitka village there are several men totally blind. They are good fishermen and earn their living for the most part by fishing. Old people are well treated unless one should be a woman who is high caste and who has a number of children. These are well taken care of. Orphan children were formerly made slaves, but the Christian Missions have largely done away with this cruelty. The U. S. jail in Sitka is the principle one for the District. It is located in the lower part of a large block house which was built by the Russians and which is known as the "Barracks." It is overcrowded by the number of prisoners sent by the Marshal's hands. The physician in charge has reported that the place is unhealthy and unfit for a prison. The Marshal has the care and feeding of the prisoners and this is so well done that there is no complaint. Prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for a longer term than one year are sent to San Quentin at the expense of the United States. By the present ruling the Governor has no authority to make sentenced prisoners work outside. This defect could be remedied by an amendment to the criminal code which has been prepared by a Commission organized for that purpose. The court house and jail at Nome burned last winter. Alaska is badly in need of a penitentiary and [illegible] very large class of evil doers are drifting that way.

May 16 8.

Mrs. Thomas B. McMath,

5428 Clemens Avenue,

St. Louis, Missouri.

My Dear Madam:

Yours of April 8th was awaiting my return from Lapland and Alaska. I greatly regret that I have been kept away from Washington so much this winter by the Lapland reindeer trip, that it is impossible for me to meet the Woman's Board of Missions in St. Louis this spring; but if the Lord preserves my life through the summer I will be willing to come to your city next fall, say in November or December.

I regret that I have been compelled to disappoint you these two different times this present winter. I leave for the General Assembly tomorrow where I hope to meet some of the good ladies of your Presbyterial Society.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

May 16 8

Mr. Henry Sheldon, Jr.

Care of Blair, Phelps & Lyman,

80 Broadway, New York City.

My Dear Cousin:

Yours of the 12th instant is received. I know nothing concerning Mr. Fred W. Frost of Alaska. I may have met him last summer, but I met so many people and only barely met them without becoming acquainted, that I do not recognize them. Your friends had better be very cautious in regard to investments in Alaska, without they first send somebody in whom they have confidence to investigate. The country is being filled with mining companiesthat while promoters may be honest and sincere in the matter ~~may~~ will prove a total loss to the investors. You must first know your man and then find out whether he has anything tangible behind him. There are a great many swindling schemes on foot, especially here in the East.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Washington, D.C.,
March 16, 1858.

Dr. Nelson Jackson,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have requested Mr. George F. Evans, Disbursing Officer of the Department of the Interior, to pay to you as old Records due my Salary of $1200.

Will this suit, or will you make for me the following Payments?

1st. Pay to Edward Bee hundred and twenty dollars & replace the loan you made me & the same account on the 16th.

2nd. Pay to Seattle Hardware Co. and Stocker Bros. of Seattle, their respective bills for provisions and packages.

3rd. The Bucket and Stocker Co. their bill for Lumber &c.

4th. William H. Johnson of Allegheny Pa. $50 on or before October first.

5th. The balance of the salary you will divide equally between the holders of the three notes given by my Mother, Brother and myself.

William H. Doty

May 17 8.

Miss Frances Willard,

Occidental Hotel,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Friend:

Your telegram of yesterday was received last night and I hasten to send you my check for $166.

I sent you a check on the 28th of April for the same amount addressed to you at Haines. You will notice that I have duplicated the check in order that you might have the money to use at Seattle. If you have received the check that was sent to Haines you will mark across the face of the enclosed check 'canceled', and then mail it to me at the Occidental Hotel, Seattle, where I will be about June 5th. If you use the check that I send you to-day, then when you receive the originalcheck you will mark that 'canceled' and leave it for me in an envelope at the Occidental Hotel.

Hoping you will have a pleasant time and find Mr. and Miss Scott as pleasant to you as they were to your brother, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Enclosure.

September 13, 1898.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., LL. D.,
Board of Home Missions,
156 5th Avenue, New York City.

My dear Doctor:

Your telegram concerning Mr. Young received. I am very sorry that he left Alaska as he did for it will be impossible for him or any one else to go into the country this fall without making a long overland trip. The steamship Roanoke sails from Seattle for St. Michael on the 15th, and there would be no difficulty in Mr. Young going that far but from St. Michael to Rampart is something like 500 or 600 miles across the country. In summer steamers go up, but when Mr. Young would reach St. Michael the river ~~would~~ practically be closed for this season. It is barely possible it may be late in closing and that he could get up part way on the steamer, then continue his journey with a dog sled. There will be 40,000 people this winter in the Yukon valley, and it is too bad that he has come out. He ought to have stopped either at Circle or Rampart. Each place ought to have a minister. I telegraphed you to send him to Skagway as I presume that he would be unwilling to take a longer overland journey from St.

Mtchell. However, if Mr. Sinclair is doing well at Skagway and desires to remain it may not be wisdom to disturb him. I just keep Mr. Young until next spring when, if the Board desire it he could be returned to the Yukon river. I feel very badly about his coming out. I heard of him at Rampart City and supposed that he would go to work at that important place.

Very truly yours,

PROCEEDINGS

of the

Church Missionary Society

1897-8.

Annual Report of the Committee,

Etc.

London

Church Missionary House,

Salisbury Square,E.C.

1898.

Extract page 430,

BRITISH COLUMBIA MISSION.

"In 1856 Captain Prevost,R.N.,drew the Society's attention to the savage state of the Tsimshean Indians on the coast of British Columbia, and a young schoolmaster,Mr. W. Duncan, was sent out. A great blessing was vouchsafed to his labours; and in 1862 the Christian settlement of Metlakahtla was founded. In 1881,however, Mr. Duncan refused to work on the lines of the Church of England, and ceased to be a missionary of the Society, and an unhappy schism among the Native Christians resulted. But peace was in God's good providence ultimately restored, though at a heavy cost. Prolonged disputes about the land ensued between Mr. Duncan's Indians and the Government; and in the summer of 1887 Mr. Duncan removed with some hundreds of the Indians to a place seventy miles distant, within

the United States territory of Alaska. Since the departure of the disaffected party the conduct of the loyal Indians has been so excellent that the Government Commissioners sent in November, 1888, to report on the condition of these disturbed districts stated that the Metlakahtla Church Indians were in happy contrast to all others and were a credit to their instructors."

September 14, 1898.

Mrs. J. J. Francis,

621 Mound Street,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Miss Francis:

Your letter of Sept. 12th is received and I have written Indianapolis and St. Louis as you suggest. It will not be convenient for me to reach Cincinnati before Monday night or Tuesday morning. You can count for me, D.V., for the afternoon of Oct. 4th. Kind regards to your husband.

I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Wilbur Jackson

September 14, 1898.

Mrs. Thomas B. McMath,

6428 Clemens Avenue,

St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Friend:

I am expected to address the Ladies Home Mission Convention in Cincinnati on Oct. 4th, and if it will be a convenient time and the ladies of St. Louis desire it, I can address a Home Mission rally in your city on Oct. 6th, afternoon and evening. If it is not a convenient time for the ladies very frankly say so and I may go elsewhere at that time.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

September 14, 1898.

Mrs. William Henry Hubbard,

1111 North Illinois Street,

Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Friend:

At the request of Mrs. J. J. Francis of Cincinnati I address you to say that I am to address the Ladies Presbyterian Convention on Home Missions in Cincinnati October 4th, if the ladies of Indianapolis and vicinity wish the afternoon and evening of October 5th I can make addresses. It does not, however, seem to me worth while when I was so recently in two of your leading churches May, 1898, and as I had promised you a year ago to come to Indianapolis, if desired, I send you this notice. Remember I will be very content to go to some other city on that date.

Kind regards to your husband. Very truly yours,

Frances E. Jackson

September 15 S.

Hon. W. R. Day,

Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In response to your inquiry of the 13th instant with regard to my connection and the work of missions in South east Alaska, I have the honor to state, that I went to Alaska as superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in 1877. I have spent between that date and the present three winters and nearly every summer; have visited repeatedly all parts of the Territory south of Mt, St. Elias, as well as large portions to the north and to the west.

In the spring of 1885 I was appointed General Agent of the Department of the Interior of the United States Government for the purpose of establishing schools.

In establishing Presbyterian Missions in Southeast Alaska it was always understood that it was a part of the United States, as the Home department with which I was connected had no authority for the establishment of missions outside of the jurisdiction of the United States.

In 1881 I established a Presbyterian Mission Station on Portage Bay, at the head of Lynn Canal, which was named Haines. The Rev. Eugene Willard and family were placed in charge, and their work has grown at that point, into a flourishing church of native members. The missionary now in charge is the Rev. W. W. Warne.

In 1885, I sent Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Paul as missionaries of the American Presbyterian Church to Fort Tongass, on Tlekhonsiti Harbor, at the extreme southeastern point of Alaska, where they remained for several years. In 1895 this mission was transferred to Saxman, on Tongass Narrows, where Mr. James W. Young and the Rev. Edward Marsden are in charge.

In 1887, Mr. William Duncan, at the head of a prosperous mission at Metlakahtla in British Columbia, moved his Colony north to Annette Island, in order to get within the jurisdiction of the United States.

In 1877, the Mission Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, established a Mission at Ketchikan, on Tongass Narrows, Southeast Alaska.

In 1881, the United States Naval Commander in those waters, assembled Shakeritch, Donawok, and other leading Chiefs of the Chilkat tribe, and explained to them the object of the missionaries locating among them and charging them to see that they were not molested, and annually thereafter the

ceremony was repeated up to the year 1885, and later. Detachments of the United States Army had had camps at Kadiak, Kenai, Sitka, Fort Wrangel, and Fort Tongass, from 1867 to 1877, inclusive. Upon the withdrawal of the military in 1877, a naval vessel, at first the Jamestown (Captain Henry Glass), afterwards the Adams and the Wachusett - the latter commanded by Captain Lull, was stationed at Sitka, cruising as circumstances required, to preserve order among the natives from Fort Tongass in all the inlets, to the head of Lynn Canal.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

[signature]

General Agent, &c.

FIRST OCCUPATION OF SOUTH-EAST ALASKA BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

In 1884 Congress in the organic act creating the district of Alaska, enacted that the Secretary of the Interior should make needful and adequate provisions for the education of the children of that section without distinction of race. In accordance with which act on the second day of March 1885, the Secretary of the Interior assigned this work to the United States Bureau of Education and Doctor Sheldon Jackson was appointed General Agent of the Bureau to the work. Public schools were at once established at Sitka, Juneau, Fort Wrangel, Jackson, and Haines, in Southeast Alaska, and in Unalaska in the Aleutian Islands.

The school at Haines is on Portage Bay at the head of Lynn Canal; approximate latitude 57°15'N., longitude 135°28'W. The public school was opened in 1885 and has continued in operation to the present time.

In the fall of 1886, a public school was established at Loring, Naha Bay, Behm Canal, with latitude approximately 55°40'N. and longitude 130°45'W., with Samuel A. Saxman of Pennsylvania as teacher. In November 1886 Professor Saxman was removed to Fort Tongass.

In 1885, a public school was opened at Fort Tongass, on Tlekhonsiti Harbor, in about latitude 54°45'N. and longitude 130° 45' West. The school was opened in the United States Military Barracks

which were erected in 1867, with Louis Paul teacher. In November 1886, Professor A. Saxman was placed in charge. During the winter Mr. Saxman and Mr. Paul were drowned at sea, and the school was discontinued in the spring of 1887.

In July 1888 a public school was opened at Metlakahtla, Annette Island, latitude 55°10'N., and longitude 131°25'W., set apart for the purpose by act of Congress approved March 3, 1891 ("an act to repeal Timber Culture Laws, etc. Sec. 15). The school was taught by Mr. William Duncan, assisted by one or two native teachers. That school has been in operation to the present time, some years under the charge of the Bureau of Education and other years sustained by the Colony itself.

In 1895 a public school was opened at Saxman on Tongass Narrows, approximate latitude 55°25'N., and longitude 131°30'W., with two teachers. The school is still in operation.

The above cover all the schools within the disputed district of Southeast Alaska.

September 16 8.

Mr. H. J. Morrison,

Richland Center, Richland County,

Wisconsin.

My dear Brother:

Yours of June 20th enclosing ten dollars for the S. J. College, Utah, is received with many thanks; it was awaiting my return from Alaska.

You add to your letter: "Wife wishes the other ten dollars to apply on some other work." When your letter reached me a few days ago, there was only the one check for $10. Will you kindly let me know whether the ten dollars your wife gave was sent or not.

With best wishes for your prosperity I remain,

Very truly your friend,

September 13, 1898.

Rev. Thomas M. Gunn, D. D.,

Latona Post Office,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 7th is received. In reply concerning estimates for Alaska I would say that there ought to be 12 ministers at a thousand dollars each. With regard to the mission homes and school work I cannot give you an estimate. I presume it is probably costing the Woman's Board of Home Missions $15,000 a year at least, so that the needs of Alaska next year would be from $25,000 to $30,000. I know that is not a very satisfactory statement for your purpose, but it is the best that I can do until I have a conference with the women in New York.

Very truly yours,

A. Sheldon Jackson

Kind regards to your family.

September 15, 1898.

Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy,

1400 Nicolet Avenue,

Minneapolis, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Pomeroy:

I am now hoping to address Woman's Home Missions Conventions at Cincinnati October 4th, Indianapolis October 5th, and St. Louis on the 6th.

I can give a woman's meeting sometime on Saturday the 8th and give a general address on Sunday forenoon in St. Paul. Sunday evening a general address in Minneapolis and the woman's meeting on Monday morning or afternoon as you think best, only so that I can get the evening train for Chicago where I hope to speak on Tuesday the 11th. Please see the ladies interested and telegraph me if the arrangements will be satisfactory as to time, St. Paul Oct. 8th and forenoon of 9th, Minneapolis evening of 9th and day time of the 10th. Or if it is thought best you can reverse and take Minneapolis on the 8th and St. Paul on the 10th. I am trying to arrange so that I can pass rapidly from one city to another and be away from Washington as short a time as possible. Very respectfully yours,

September 15, 1898.

Mrs. M. C. Monroe,

6008 Union Avenue,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Madam:

I expect to address a Woman's Home Mission Convention in Cincinnati on Oct. 4th, Indianapolis the 5th, St. Louis the 6th. I then propose going to St. Paul for the 8th, Minneapolis for the 10th, and if it is convenient and the Home Mission ladies of Chicago wish it I can address a Women's meeting on Tuesday afternoon and the general meeting in the evening October 11th, if the date is satisfactory and the meeting is desired kindly telegraph me at Washington.

Very respectfully yours,

September 16

Rev. William J. Cumming,

Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Westchester,

Yorktown, New York.

My dear Brother:

Not knowing who else to address I desire to make application through you to the Presbytery for a hearing at the coming meeting for the Rev. John Eaton, LL.D., on the subject of Missions in Utah. It is one of the burning questions of evangelical work in the United States. The Mormons have over 1400 missionaries at work throughout this country proselyting among our people and the Protestant churches are asleep on the subject. Having been for forty years a missionary of our church west of the Mississippi river and had large experience as you know, in every section of that region, I bear testimony to the whole Church that the greatest danger to our civil liberty and the drawing away of large numbers from protestant Christianity is in the propoganda of the Mormon Church, and it is time that the Church shall become aroused. Will you not, dear sir, try and find an opportunity to secure a hearing for Doctor Eaton?

His address is Concord Flats, Washington, D. C.

If you have a Committee on Home Missions, perhaps this letter had better be turned over to the Chairman of the same.

With great respect I remain,

Yours truly,

September 16

Rev. George R. Garretson,

Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Jersey City,

Jersey City, New Jersey.

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Rev. Julius H. Wolff,
Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Newark,
Newark, New Jersey.

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Very truly yours,

September 16 8.

Rev. Samuel Parry,

Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Elizabeth,

Pluckemin, New Jersey.

Dear Brother:

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With great respect I remain,

Very truly yours,

September 18 8.

Rev. T. Ralston Smith,
Stated Clerk of the Synod of New York,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Brother:

Not knowing who else to address I desire to make application through you to the Synod for a hearing at the coming meeting for the Rev. John Eaton, LL.D., on the subject of Missions in Utah. It is one of the burning questions of evangelical work in the United States. The Mormons have over 1400 missionaries at work throughout this country proselyting among our people and the Protestant Churches are asleep on the subject. Having been for forty years a missionary of our Church west of the Mississippi river, and had a large experience, as you know, in every section of that region, I bear testimony to the whole Church that the greatest danger to our civil liberty and the drawing away of large numbers from Protestant Christianity is in the propoganda of the Mormon church, and it is time that the Church shall become aroused. Will you not, dear sir, try and find an opportunity to secure a hearing for Doctor Eaton? His address is, Concord Flats, Washington, D.C.

If you have a committee on Home Missions, perhaps it would be better to turn this letter over to the chairman of the same.

With great respect I remain,
Very truly yours,

September 17

Mrs. James E. Burr,

82 Lincoln Avenue,

Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mrs. Burr:

Your letter of the 16th is just received. While waiting to hear from you the ladies of Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and other western cities, have secured the time from October 2d to the 13th. I could reach your meeting on Friday the 14th. I will probably speak in Chicago on the afternoon and evening of the 11th. I am not sure how the trains run, but if I could be sure could reach your meeting on Thursday the 13th, and I think I ought to be able to do it, you could have that day.

If you have not replied by telegraph to my telegram of this date, telegraph me the date you want as in that way you may get your date in before some other society. The ladies of Philadelphia had applied also but have not fixed on a day.

Very truly yours,

Anthony Comstock

September 19

Mr. W. H. Hubbard,

Hubbard Block,

Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter of September 17th is received, and while I regret that the time was not opportune for the ladies of Indianapolis yet I feel that it does not matter much as I had two good hearings last May and it will not cause my trip to be so hurried to the other cities, as in order to get in the meeting in Indianapolis I was expecting to take the midnight train from Indianapolis to St. Louis.

Kind regards to your wife and father.

Very truly yours,

Susan B. Anthony

September 19

Rev. George F. McAfee,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of September 17th is received. The Government schoolhouse is entirely independent of the Church, and the new stove for the Church means at the expense of the Woman's Executive Committee.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Kind remembrances to your wife

September 19

Mrs. J. A. [illegible]

82 [illegible] Avenue

Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mrs. Burr:

Yours of the 17th instant is just received. It will not be possible for me to be with the ladies on the 5th of October as I speak afternoon and evening in Cincinnati on the 4th. I have not yet heard from St. Louis, which was offered the 6th. If the ladies of St. Louis decline the offer I may be able to attend your meeting on the 6th. Will write you again when I hear from St. Louis. It is true you wrote last June and the year before that, but you indicated October 14th and 15th, if I remember right, but as it was not probable I could be with you then, and Cincinnati being the first to ask a definite date (they had been corresponding two years to secure a meeting) I gave it to them and in connection with Cincinnati I felt that it was only proper to go to St. Louis and Chicago, who also have been corresponding for two years past.

Truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE.

The Literary executor of the late Miss Frances Willard, President of the W.C.T.U., in looking over her papers after her death, found the following beautiful letter of congratulations, which Miss Willard had written Dr. Sheldon Jackson upon his election as Moderator of the General Assenbly of 1897.

The letter has recently been published in the August Number of "Woman's Home Missions" to which Mrs. McCabe, Editor of the Magazine adds in behalf of "The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

September 28, 1898.

Mr. S. S. Campbell,

Assistant Cashier,

Merchants National Bank, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter calling attention to the revenue stamps is received and I am much obliged to you for the same. I am so little used to paying revenue that I had forgotten all about it. I find that my last book has lasted three years. If you think that the tax on checks will be discontinued in that time I had better not take a full book unless the Government will return what has not been used when they discontinue the collection of revenue tax. If you think that they will return the value of what is unused you can send me the book ordered and I will send you a check for the revenue stamps. If there is any doubt about it perhaps I had better take a book of fewer blanks if you have them.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

September 23, 1898.

Rev. Willis G. Craig, D. D., LL. D.,

McCormick Theological Seminary,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Craig:

I now expect to address the ladies of Chicago on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, October 11th and 12th. If it is a convenient time and the faculty wish it I can address the students of the Seminary either Tuesday or Wednesday morning. With kind regards to your family, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Booker T. Washington

September 28, 1898.

Mrs. H. P. Merriman.

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Madam:

If you find it convenient without seeming to press the matter I would like to be invited to dine with either Cyrus H. McCormick or his mother in order to have an opportunity of getting acquainted with them, and perhaps with Gods blessing I can interest them more particularly in the work in Utah.

Very truly yours,

H. Culbertson

September 28, 1898.

Mrs. H. B. Merriman,

2239 Michigan Avenue,

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Madam:

Your telegram and letter of September 20th are received and I accept the arrangements which you have made as follows: Thursday and Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 11th and 12th. Would it not be well to invite in the Presbyterians from adjacent cities like Evanston, Lake Forest and others that may be near by. For the afternoon meetings I think it would be well to invite the Methodist, Congregationalists and other Evangelical Womans Home Missions Societies that have mission work in Alaska.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

B.Y.H.

September 22, 1898.

Mrs. John J. Francis.

621 Mound Street.

Cincinnati. Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Francis:

Yours of September 20th is received and I am making all my preparations to be with your Society on Tuesday October 4th. I regret that it will not be convenient for me to be in Cincinnati over Sabbath. I have heard from Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis accepting dates. Indianapolis drops out, the time not being convenient. St. Louis still unheard from. With kind regards to your husband I remain, Yours very respectfully,

W. McClure Lee Evans

(Copy)

March 10,

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

U. S. General Agent of Education in Alaska.

My dear Sir:

By the direction of the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior you are hereby detailed for special duty in the District of Alaska. The details of his instructions are as follows:

"Doctor Jackson will at once proceed to Dyea in Alaska and confer with the officer of the War Department in charge of the Alaskan Relief Expedition for the care of the reindeer across the country to Circle City, and their care near that place until they shall be turned over to him in May of 1898; thereafter, he will proceed to sell them as seems best for the interests of this Department, and with the proceeds arrange to purchase does to replace those borrowed from the herds in Alaska belonging to private parties and used during the past winter for the relief of destitute miners and whalers in that section.

His travelling expenses, including subsistence, will be paid by the War Department out of the Relief fund."

Very truly yours,

(signed) W. T. Harris,

Commissioner.

(Copy)

Headquarters Department of the Columbia,

Vancouver Barracks, Wash., March 17, 1898.

Commanding Officer,

Fort St. Michael, Alaska.

Sir:

By direction of the Assistant Secretary of War you are instructed to co-operate with Doctor Sheldon Jackson, Agent for the Interior Department, and extend to him every facility at your command in connection with his mission of introducing reindeer into Alaska, not incompatible with the duty to which you have been assigned, the execution of which is paramount to all other considerations.

By Command of Brigadier General Merriam,

(signed) Thomas H. Barry,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Fort St. Michael, Alaska,

July , 1898.

Official copy respectfully furnished Doctor Sheldon Jackson for his information.

(signed) Edward Bell,

2d Lieut. 8th Infantry,

Adjutant.

September 24, 1898.

Mrs. E. W. Pomeroy,
1400 Nicollet Ave
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Pomeroy:

Your telegram of Sept. 21st was received, but the letter has not yet reached me and I do not know whether I am to be in St. Paul or Minneapolis on Saturday the 8th. Kindly let me know the arrangements by return mail. I am to be in St. Louis on the 6th and will come direct to St. Paul or Minneapolis probably by the Burlington route. It might be well to invite the ladies of the other Evangelical churches in to the ladies' meetings, as Congregationalists Methodists, Baptists, and Episcopalians have Alaska Missions.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Sept. 24, 1898.

Mrs. James E. Burr,
82 Lincoln Ave
Carbondale. Pa.

My dear Mrs. Burr:

I have just heard from the ladies of St. Louis should hold to Oct. 6th. I have also heard from St. Paul and Minneapolis for the 8th, 9th and 10th, and Chicago for the 11th and 12th and from Philadelphia for the 17th or 18th. Can you not find a convenient time after the 18th?

Very respectfully yours,

Winfield Scott

September 24, 1898.

Mrs. W. P. White,

Oak Lane,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mrs. White:

I can visit Philadelphia either Oct. 17th or 18th. Take your choice of dates and let me know as soon as possible. My expenses will simply be traveling expenses from Washington and return. You will have to secure a stereopticon, gas, screen, and the attendant to manage them. I have nothing but the slides and the lecture. Every thing else will need to be provided in Philadelphia. I speak of this particularly as upon a former occasion I reached the churches with the slides and there was no lantern, the ladies supposing that I had all the paraphernalia.

Trusting that you are well again, I remain,

Yours very truly,

R. Heber Holden

September 24, 1898.

Mrs. T. B. McMath,

5428 Clemens Avenue,

St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Madam:

Yours of the 20th is received and you may expect me, D. V., on the 6th. I will probably take the morning train from Cincinnati about 9 o'clock, which is due at St. Louis at 6.40 in the afternoon of the 5th. This will be on Wednesday the 5th.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Chetwood

September 23, 1898.

The Kinsman Publishing Co.,

Salt Lake City,

Utah.

Sir:

Enclosed find my subscription to the Kinsman to May, 1899. If the following persons are not subscribers you can put them down for one year and send the bill to me, and mark their subscription in such a way that your clerk will not send the publication at the close of the year of sending a bill to them for renewal, but you can send the bill for renewal when the time comes to me, and if they should wish to continue. Mrs Elliott M. Shepard, No. 7 East 72nd St., N.Y., Mrs. Russell Sage, N.Y. City. (Perhaps you had better send to the Wausau Bank of Wausau, Wis. for Mr Arterus and for Mr H. Sage's signed and No. [illegible] Boulevard, Hamandi, Hamdi, Mrs. O. H. Cloak, 82 E 62nd St. N.Y., [illegible] Washington Ave., Newark, N.J., Mrs. Elbert B. Monroe, Box 251 [illegible], N.Y. You can send the bill to me.

Respectfully yours,

WAR DEPARTMENT,("Relief of people in mining regions of Alaska")

To Sheldon Jackson ---------- Dr.

1898.

May 17	Cab from house to Depot ----------	0.75
"	2 trunks house to depot,25 ¢ each ----------	0.50
"	Railway fare Washington to Chicago ----------	17.~~50~~
"	Sleeper Washington to Chicago ----------	5.00
18	Breakfast 75 ¢ Dinner $1.00 Supper $1.00 Porter 25 ¢	3.00
27	" 50 ¢ " 75 ¢ Supper 50 ¢ -----	1.75
28	" 50 ¢ " " " 50 ¢ -----	1.75
29	" 50 ¢ " " " " 50 ¢ -----	1.75
30	Lodging at Great Northern Hotel(Voucher No.1.)	4.00
"	Cab Hotel to Depot ----------	0.50
"	Railway fare Chicago to Portland, Oregon ---	35.75
"	Sleeper from Chicago to Porland ----------	17.00
31	Breakfast 75 ¢ Dinner $1.00 Supper 75 ¢ Porter 25¢	2.75
June 1	" " " 1.00 " 75 ¢ " "	2.75
2	" " " 1.00 " 75 ¢ " "	2.75
3	" " " 75 ¢ ~~1~~ ~~25~~ ¢ " "	1.75
	Railway fare fr. Portland to Seattle -------	3.50
	Baggage from cars to hotel ----------	0.50
8	Trip from Seattle to Port Townsend ----------	2.50
9	Breakfast and lodging Port Townsend (Voucher No.2)	0.85
"	Dinner on Steamer City of Kingston ----------	0.50
"	Fare from Port Townsend to Seattle ----------	2.50
"	Seattle to Tacoma and return ----------	1.50
16	Trip from Seattle to Port Townsend ----------	2.50
18	Lodging at Port Townsend (Voucher No.3.) ----	0.50
28	Occidental Hotel Seattle,June 3 to 28,24 & 3/4 days at $2.50 per day (Voucher No.4.)	61.50
"	Transfer of self and baggage to Steamer -----	1.00
"	Fare from Seattle to St.Michael, Alaska -----	60.00
		$226.30

$226.10

WAR DEPARTMENT, ("Relief of people in mining regions of Alaska")
To Sheldon Jackson ---------- Dr.

1898.

July	6	Ferriage between Dutch Harbor and Unalaska (Voucher) 2 trips at 20 ¢ ----------	0.40
	7	3 trips at 20 ¢ ----------	0.60
	25	Dinner at Hotel, St. Michael (Hotel Healy) ----	1.00
	30	Board & lodging July 12 to 30th, 18 days at $2.	36.00
Aug.	20	1 day's board at Hotel Healy ----------	2.00
	30	Baggage from steamer to hotel ----------	0.50
	31	Board and lodging at Occidental Hotel, Seattle -	2.50
	"	Baggage from hotel to depot ----------	0.50
	"	Cab to depot ----------	0.50
	"	Extra baggage ----------	3.20
	"	Railway fare from Seattle to Washington -----	35.00
	"	Sleeper from Seattle to St. Paul ----------	13.50
	"	Supper ----------	0.75
Sept.	1	Breakfast 75 ¢ Dinner 75 ¢ Supper 50 ¢ Porter 25¢	2.25
	2	" " " " " " " "	2.25
	3	" " " " " " " "	2.25
	"	Sleeper from St. Paul to Chicago ----------	2.00
	4	Breakfast 75 ¢ Dinner 75 ¢ Supper 50 ¢ Porter 25¢	2.25
	5	" " " $1.00 " $1.00 " "	3.00
	"	Lodging at Hotel Windsor 1 day ----------	1.00
	"	Sleeper from Chicago to Washington ----------	5.00
	"	Cab from Hotel to Cars ----------	0.50
	6	Breakfast 75 ¢ Porter 25 ¢ Cab fr. Depot to House	1.50
	"	Baggage from Depot to house ----------	0.50
			$118.95

WAR DEPARTMENT, ("Relief of people in mining regions of Alaska")
To Sheldon Jackson ---------- ---------- Dr.

1898.		Voucher Number -	
Mch. 21	Travelling expenses of Mrs. Regnor Dahl, Matron, 25 for the Lapps, Fort Townsend, Seattle to Port Townsend ----------		3.50
May 23	Telegram to Seattle Hardware Co. for Transportation ----------	1	0.56
24	Telegram to A. L. Hawley ----------	2	0.66
" "	Seattle Yukon Transportation Co. -----	3	0.56
" "	Seattle Yukon Steamship Co. ----------	4	0.48
" "	Boston & Alaska Transportation Co. --	5	0.68
25 "	Seattle, Yukon Transportation Co. ---	6	0.56
" 26 "	Seattle Hardware Co. ----------	7	0.58
" "	Seattle Hardware Co. ----------	8	0.96
June 3	Long distance Telephone to Brig.Gen.Merriam ---		0.25
4	Four telegrams to Lieut.W.S.Graves, 7th Inft.-9-12		1.50
6	Telegram to Wm.A.Kjellmann ----------	13	0.35
7 "	Capt.Tozier, U.S.R.C.S. ----------	14	0.25
8 "	Dr.F.H.Gambell, Physician to Lapps --	15	0.20
9	Steamer fare of Messrs.Lindeberg & Kjealdsburg, a Committee of the Laps to inspect Schooner Kenney ----------		3.00
10	For provisions supplied 8 Laplanders at Haines,	16	3.50
11	Telegram to R. Dahl concerning physician ----	17	0.20
13	Telegram from R. Dahl ----------	18	0.20
14 "	to Kjellmann ----------	19	0.50
" "	from Kjellmann ----------	20	0.45
" "	to R. Dahl, Clothing for Lapps ------	21	0.20
15	2 telegrams to Lieut.W.S .Graves, 7th Inft. --	22-23	.52
"	E Ohlin for copying in Norwegian contracts with 49 Lapps and Norwegians ----------	24	2.00
"	R. Dahl Ft.Townsend to Seattle and return on Government business ----------		3.00
"	~~Telegram~~		
"	R. Dahl, 1 Berth 50 ¢ 1 meal 50 ¢ ----------		1.00
			30.66
			$ 30.44

24 Cents Crossed Off of Charges on telegrams by War Dept

WAR DEPARTMENT, ("Relief of people in mining regions of Alaska)
To Sheldon Jackson ---------- Dr.

1898.		Voucher No.	
June 15	1 1/2 pts.Camp Sp.Ether for Lapps .	25-A	$ 2.25
16	P.M.Coyne 6 loads of Lapp baggage and household goods from Ft.Townsend to Whard a round trip of 12 miles.	25-B	15.00
	Telegram to R. Dahl ----------	26	0.20
17	Transportation of 4 Lapps to Seattle..	27	6.00
	Wharfage at Port Townsend for 20 pieces Lapp baggage ----------	38-A	1.00
	Telegram to R. Dahl ----------	28	0.25
	N.D.Hills & Sons,medicines for Lapps -	29	18.05
	2 English & Norwegian school books for Lapps ----------	30	1.00
	5 doz. Hobbles for Reindeer ----------	31	10.00
	500 tags for Lapp baggage & household bundles ----------	38-D	0.60
18	Telegram to R. Dahl ----------	32	0.20
	" to Wharfinger Pt.Townsend ---	33	0.25
	" to Lieut.W.S.Graves,7th Inft.	34	0.25
	Freight & wharfage Ft.Townsend to Seattle on Lapp baggage & household goods ----------	35	29.00
	Telegram to Wm.Kjellmann ----------	36	0.35
	Transfer of Relief goods from one dock to another ----------	37	7.10
	Drayage from Ft.Townsend to Wharf ----	38-B	5.50
	41 lbs.Fresh Beef at 8 1/2 ¢ ---------	38-C	3.47
20	Telegram to R. Dahl ----------	39	0.20
21	Lodging for Mrs.Dahl & 2 children;also Lapp family of 2 adults & 4 children,en route to Seattle --------	38-E	3.00
22	Breakfast for the above party of nine.		1.50
	Medicine for Lapps Ft.Townsend -------	40	0.35
	Freight on household goods of Lapps, Port Townsend to Seattle --------	41	6.75
	Dinner on boat for Mrs.Dahl & family, and 1 Lapp family en route to Seattle ----------	42	2.50
	Telegram to Telegraph Operator Port Townsend ----------	43	0.20
	" t Telegraph Operator " "	44	0.30
			$115.27

	Forward ----------		$115.27
June 22	39 fares Lapps from Ft.Townsend to Seattle ----------	45	41.00
	Union Wharf Co.Lapp baggage (taken from Kenny) ----------	46	1.00
24	Typewriting 65 copies of contracts at 20 ¢ ----------	47	13.00
25	Freight on rations to Unalaklik ------	48	62.25
	Queen City Hotel board of 11 Lapps from June 20-25" - 11-5 at $1. --	49	55.00
	Ditto 1 Lapp, 1 day ----------	"	1.00
July 27	Dr.L.J.Toussant for medical services with Lapps on S.S.Del Norte en route to Unalaklik ----------	50	5.00
June 10	Telegram to Kjellmann ----------	51	0.61
			$294.13

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Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Oct 14th 8

Mr Isaac Lincoln

Aberdeen S. D

Dear Sir Yours of the 5th has been forwarded to Me by My Sister Mrs Louisa J. Andrews - I have just returned from St Louis & Chicago will try & get the deed signed to-morrow or Monday & will take the $675 Cash. Would not give a deed with only $250 paid down - But am willing to take $250 down, accept notes for the balance running 3 years at 8 per ct as you propose & sign an agreement to give a deed when 1/2 of the $700. is paid and then take a Mortgage ~~on the lot~~ ~~Remaining $350~~ to secure payment on the remaining notes.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

October 15 8.

Mr. H. C. Olin,

Madison Square Branch, Postoffice Box 156,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Olin:

I sign and return you the blanks of the Sanderson Estate. If they are not correct kindly write out just what I should sign.

I send you the request of Mr. Edward Marsden for $200 to be paid me out of his salary; it is money I loaned him last spring to enable him to reach his field of work. You need not pay it to me all at once, as he will need a portion of his salary for running expenses; but kindly send it to me as rapidly as you can when his salary becomes due, without distressing him.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Enclosures.

Oct 17th 8

Mr Isaac Lincoln

Dear Sir

Enclosed find deed as you requested - This to be delivered when he pays $6,75 Cash.

Or he can pay $350 Cash half of purchase money & I will take Note & Mortgage for $350 at 8 for 2 Yrs. Yours truly

Sheldon Jackson

October 18

Rev. Albert B. Robinson,

Witherspoon Building,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Brother:

General Eaton says that Mr. Gilbert is receiving about three thousand dollars a year from his letters issued to the secularnewspapers. The General thinks that there is a wide and growing field in the line indicated by yourself, to wit, missionary and Christian Endeavor.

Very truly yours,

A. Wilder Jackson

October 18

Rev. Thomas M. Gunn, D.D.

Latona P.O., Seattle, Washington.

Dear Brother:

Your welcome letter of the 10th is received and I am very glad that the Synod will try to visit Alaska next year. Among the many steamers leaving Seattle it seems to me that there ought to be one that would make a special trip with the Synod, giving you the day that you require at Wrangel, Juneau and Sitka. The presence of so large a body of Christian people would not fail to have a very decided influence in that section.

I am glad that you have some first-class men for us for Alaska. Much obliged for the clipping from the P. I. I am a little surprised that they copy the tirades of the Juneau Mining Paper, the Editor of which has a very unsavory reputation and the sheet has been noted for years for its virulent attacks upon the Missionaries and law and order party of ~~Juneau~~ Alaska.

So far as getting reindeer in Siberia is concerned, my mission was a success, as I brought over 161; a larger number than ever brought over upon any previous year except one. The experiment we were making to test the possibility of having a permanent

purchasing agency on the Siberian Coast was a disappointment, but no more so than a thousand other things where we have no previous experience to guide us, and are feeling our way in establishing a new undertaking.

October 16

Very respectfully yours,

Captain S. H. Devore,
2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 2nd Army Corps,
Camp Mead, Middletown, Pa.

Stuart Jackson

My dear Captain:

Your request of October 4th is received. I have already been to the Winner building and will furnish such information as they need as soon as possible.

With kind regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

October 18

Mrs. W. J. Fulton,

712 High Street,

Keokuk, Iowa.

My dear Madam:

Yours of October 11th is received. It would afford me very great pleasure to be able to visit Keokuk and address a Missionary meeting as you propose. I remember Keokuk way back in the 60s when my Cousin Stanton Cady was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

I regret to say, however, that my duties at Washington will prevent my accepting your very kind invitation.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

October 18

Mr. H. C. Olin,

Madison Square Branch P. O.,

Box 156, New York City.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 17th is received. In reply I take it that at $800 a year he is getting, $66.2/3 ¢ a month . He can get along I think for a few months on $31.00 a month, allowing you to pay me $35. a month until the $200 is all paid up, and if that is agreeable to yourself why you may do so.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

October 18

Mr. A. T. Lewis,

Portland, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Lewis:

Yours of October 12th is received and it will give me pleasure indirectly to endorse your application for a Judgeship in Alaska. An as employe of the Interior Department I am not allowed directly to use my influence to secure places for persons in the other departments; as your position would come under the Attorney-General.

Remember me very kindly to your wife and children, also to Miss Rankin when you meet her. It will give me pleasure to some time see the children and renew the old acquaintance with yourself and wife.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson

October 15

Mr. E. G. Polk,

Pocomoke City,

Maryland.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of October 3d was awaiting my return from the West. It will give me pleasure, D. V., to spend the Sabbath, November 6th, with your Church.

Very truly yours,

October 15

Mrs. Thomas B. McMath,

5428 Clemens Avenue,

St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Madam:

I have made all the rounds, filled all the appointments of the ladies and still survive! The expenses amount to fifteen dollars ($15.00) for each of the cities visited. When convenient your Treasurer may remit to me at Washington with a New York exchange.

Remember me very kindly to your husband.

Very truly yours,

October 15 [illegible]

Mary M. Thornton,

Middletown, Ohio.

My dear Friend:

Yours of October 1st, inviting me to address a meeting at Franklin, Ohio, on the 22nd , was received at Cincinnati, but I was kept going so continuously that I had no time to answer it until now. It will be impracticable for me to get West so soon again, as there are so many things awaiting my attention at the Office of Education.

Regretting that I cannot have the privilege of addressing the ladies, I remain,

Very truly yours,

[signature]

October 19th 8.

Messrs. Fischer Brothers,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith my check for ninety-eight dollars and forty-six cents ($8.46) in payment of Mr. William F. Doty's bill for provisions bought from you. Will you kindly send me a receipt in triplicate for the same.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U.S.Gen'l.Agt., Education for Alaska.

October 19th 8.

Mr. William H. Jamison,

P. O. Box 207, Allegheny, Penna.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith my check for fifty dollars in payment of the note for that amount given to you by Mr. William F. Doty. Will you kindly send me a receipt in triplicate for the same.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

Gen'l.Agt.,Education for Alaska.

October 20th 8.

The Seattle Hardware Company,

Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

If Mr. William F. Doty owes you anything for provisions and supplies will you kindly send the bill for the same to me to be paid as his salary becomes due.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Enclosure.

October 20th 8.

Mr. George J. Beck,

Industrial School, Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I notice that your salary vouchers are sent in without having Mr. Kelly's signature on the back. As all the teachers in the Industrial School are under Mr. Kelly's direct supervision + it is best to have a uniform rule with regard to the approval of vouchers. Will you kindly see to it that your vouchers always receive Mr. Kelly's signature before being forwarded to this Bureau for payment.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U.S.Gen'l.Agent, Education for Alaska.

+ Either as Supt of Govt Schools or Supt of Mission the Industrial School

October 20 8.

Mr. William A. Kelly,

Superintendent of Schools, Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I notice that Mr. Geo. J. Beck's salary vouchers are sent in without having your signature on the back. As all the teachers in the Industrial School are under your direct supervision it is best to have a uniform rule with regard to the approval of vouchers. Will you kindly see to it that all the vouchers of the teachers in that school receive your signature before being forwarded to this Bureau for payment.

Very respectfully yours,

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. Gen'l. Agent, Education for Alaska.

October 20 8.

The Honorable

The Secretary of War.

Sir:

In addition to my communication of October 18th with regard to my traveling expenses to Norway and return, allow me further to say that I find no copies of the telegrams of January 4th and 13th amounting to $8.79, one of them being a cable to the War Department amounting to $6.08.

On the 10th of January, reaching Lofodem Islands, Norway, it was necessary to telegraph Lieut. Devore at London. The Steamship landed at one wharf and the telegraph office was on another island about a mile away; it cost me 15 cents to get a row boat to go to the office and return.

I learn that fees to porters are not allowed under the War Department. Having been allowed them under the Interior Department I had supposed that the same ruling would prevail in all the Departments. It was necessary to give fees both in crossing the Atlantic and returning in order to get the necessary comforts. I was absent on that hard trip over two months and the porters' fees amounted to $12.95, which - I think under the circumstances ought to be al-

lowed, as well as the rent of the steamer-chair at One Dollar, which chair was occupied jointly by Lieut. Devore and myself and added greatly to the comfort of our winter passage over the sea.

Very respectfully yours,

Isaac Coleman Jackson

General Agent, &c.

October 20 8.

The Honorable

The Secretary of War.

Sir:

Enclosed I have the honor to forward you the bill of Messrs. Kohler & James, Merchants at Juneau, for supplies furnished to eleven Laplanders while en route between Haines Mission and Seattle It was originally intended that these men should cross Alaska with the herd but after getting inland it was found that the rations would not hold out and the party was divided, the above number being returned to Seattle to be sent by ship to the mouth of the Yukon River at St. Michael. I have the honor to recommend that the same be allowed and paid.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

S. Hall Young

General Agent, &c.

(Enclosure)

October 20 98

The Seattle Yukon Transportation Company,

Postoffice Box 73,

Seattle, Washington.

Sirs:

I return you the papers which you sent me for freight. The blank that I am requested to fill up makes me subscribe to the fact that not only the property was received, which I would have no difficulty in subscribing to with the receipt of the North American Transportation and Trading Company, but it also requires that I should subscribe to the fact that the freight was received in good order and condition, concerning which I have no evidence whatever, as Mr. Shepherd of the N. A. T. & T. Co. does not certify that it was received in good condition. If you can procure and send to me the certificate of either Mr. Shepherd the agent of the N. A. T. & T. Co., or Mr. Kjellmann, superintendent of the reindeer station, that the freight was all received in good condition, it will give me great pleasure to sign the certificate.

I greatly regret the delay I see may attend this, but your Agent should have foreseen this before leaving St. Michael and had

the endorsements in such shape that the Government officials would be justfied in filling out the blanks and paying the money.

Very respectfully yours,

[illegible]

General Agent, &c.